



# Westbury Crier

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## Deck the Halls Parade December 15, 5PM

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the “Deck the Halls” Parade and Toy Drive. This parade is not organized by the Westbury Civic Club, but the parade information is printed in the *Crier* as it has become a Westbury neighborhood tradition.

The parade theme this year is “Celebrating Life’s Magical Moments”. All of the participants will be real people sharing their real moments, like a birthday, baby shower, quinceañera, bar mitzvah, graduation, engagement, wedding, promotion, pet adoption, retirement, and more. Watch a REAL WEDDING as Risa and Rudy say their vows on the route! Be a guest at all kinds of parties, like pizza, skating, pajama, Halloween, solar eclipse, costume, dinner, beach, and many others!

The Houston Pride Band will lead the parade, and will be joined by community organizations, local businesses, churches, schools, scouts, sports teams, and neighborhood favorites. Wave to District K Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum, Westbury Civic Club President Cindy Chapman, and past President Becky Edmondson! The parade will be followed by an art car procession made up of cars from the Houston Art Car Klub.

The parade organizers encourage neighbors on the route to throw holiday parties the night of the parade. They will be looking for the biggest and most original themes in yards on the route and will award prizes. The organizers collect toys for children, who would otherwise receive no gifts, and donations can be picked up if requested, or collected on the route. For more information, please contact parade organizer Ember Mandell at 713-367-3787.

**Parade Route Map on Page 6:** The parade will take its traditional route through Westbury, beginning on Belrose, by the old post office, then turning onto Burlinghall to Ashcroft, right on Ashcroft, to Warm Springs. **Parking** is available on side streets not on the parade route and at Home Depot, 11500 Chimney Rock. Parade route map on page 6.



## WESTBURY HOLIDAY EVENTS

### “The Story of The Nutcracker”

December 1-22

### “Sherlock Homes– Case of the Christmas Carol” December 1-22

Company OnStage, 4930 W. Belfort

For more information, see page 6



### Houston Christmas Music Festival

Sunday, December 9, 7PM

Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend

For more information, go to [www.houstonchristmasfest.com](http://www.houstonchristmasfest.com)

### Holiday Social Potluck

Wednesday, December 12, 11-1PM

Platou Community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock

For more information, see page 4

### Deck the Halls Parade

Saturday, December 15, 5PM

Westbury 3—Burlinghall, Ashcroft, Warm Springs

Map of the Parade Route, page 6.

### YARD OF THE MONTH

HOLIDAY DECORATION JUDGING

SAT., DECEMBER 15

### WCC OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Closed: Dec. 19- January 2

More info. on page 5

## RECYCLING DATES

December 2018

Thursday, December 6  
Thursday, December 20

January 2019

Thursday, January 3  
Thursday, January 17  
Thursday, January 31

## HEAVY TRASH

December 2018

Thursday, December 13  
JUNK WASTE

January 2019

Thursday, January 10  
TREE WASTE ONLY

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE \*NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO DUES PAYING

WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.

## CONTACT US

**WCC Office Hours:** Monday- Thursday, 9:30AM-2PM

*Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays*

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WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

**Visit our website at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)**

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## SECURITY

**Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666**

*Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch*

Emergency.....911

Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131

Southwest HPD Station .....832-394-0400

## CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum..... 832-393-3016

District C Council Member, Ellen Cohen.....832-393-3004

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

Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107

Meyer Library.....832-393-1840

Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955

**Houston Help & Information.....311**

*For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222

Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111

Street light repairs.....713-207-2222

*Make sure to give pole number*

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111

Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org

*Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use “report a problem” link*

Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661

Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000

Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

# 2018-2019 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President.....Cindy Chapman

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

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**Deed Restrictions..... VACANT**

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**Security.....VACANT**

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

## *A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President*

December is a month of religious holidays and celebrations. Schools are out and many of us are traveling to visit family or are receiving family members and guests. This is a time of year of good food, family, and fun. The WCC Yard of the Month program in December focuses on Holiday Decorations and Lights, and the judging will be held on the weekend of December 15. The Annual "Deck the Halls" parade will be held on December 15, and is a privately organized parade open to the community. These holiday activities help make Westbury a great place to live.

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about the Fall White Elephant Community Garage Sale that was held in late October, and about the Keep Houston Beautiful awards received by the Westbury Civic Club and by several of our community partners. We have a lot to brag about here in Westbury.

Although we have much to be thankful for in Westbury, we also have many challenges that face our community and the Westbury Civic Club. Our income for the WCC Operations and the WCC Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) has been adversely affected by the multiple flood events over the past three years. The Westbury Area Patrol is the most expensive program operated by the Westbury Civic Club, and the cushion of savings for WAP, which had been slowly accumulated over the years, has now been spent down. For 2019, we will need to raise ALL of the needed funds for WAP and I strongly advise that we raise more than the bare minimum for WAP. Why? The WAP security patrol is primarily paid with VOLUNTARY contributions from Westbury residents, thus we are now at greater risk of future financial disruptions without the financial cushion we have had in past years. Early in the year, the WCC signs a contract for our security patrol,

which means that the WCC has a contractual obligation to pay for bills for our security patrol.

Our peer neighboring communities of Meyerland, Maplewood South/North, Marilyn Estates, and Barkley Square hire security patrols and use the same provider that Westbury hires – officers from Constable Precinct 5. Our constable patrol officers are licensed law enforcement officers and can arrest criminals. The security patrols work together and provide backup manpower to each other. But, we are the only neighborhood in our local network of Precinct 5 constable patrols which does NOT have mandatory assessments for all of our homes. Thus, it has always been much harder for Westbury to pay for our security patrol officers. We need your help to pay for our WAP security patrol with Constable Precinct 5!

Most residents of Westbury have voluntary payments, not mandatory assessments, including me. It is vital that those of us with voluntary payments make the extra effort to support our community with our dollars. In particular, I would like to ask our voluntary members to make the extra effort to pay in December or in early 2019. Paying early helps us all because then the WCC has to spend less money and effort soliciting funds. Paying early also helps us know whether we will be able to afford our 4 constables for 2019. I am paying for 2019 early and I ask you to join me. See page xx for more info. You can send a check by mail or pay via PayPal.

If you are among the residents of Parkwest 1 or Parkwest 2 who have mandatory assessments, you will soon receive your bill for 2019, if you haven't

already gotten it. If you are a recent homeowner with mandatory assessments, please be aware that typically your mortgage company does not collect funds to pay your mandatory assessment bill, and that YOU are obligated to make sure that your mandatory assessment bill is paid. If you are not sure, please call the WCC office. If you are behind on paying your mandatory assessments, please contact the WCC office to establish a payment plan.

That being said, I wish you a very joyous and enriching holiday season with family and friends and a superior 2019!

Happy Holidays,

Cindy Chapman



**See you at the Deck the Halls Parade on December 15. Look for the Westbury Civic Club banner and wave!!!**



### **WCC Board Meeting Notes November 2018**

- WCC Board approved motion to donate \$100 to Westbury United Methodist and St. John's Presbyterian for the use of their parking lots for the White Elephant Sales
- The WCC Board approved the 2019 Calendar of meetings, available on page 12.
- Sheila Howieson spoke about Mentors of Hope program that is starting at Westbury HS, see page 7 for more information.
- The next WCC Board meeting will be January 16, 2019, at 7PM at Westbury Baptist. Meet and Greet 6:30PM, Meeting 7PM

### **WCC Board Meeting**

**Wed., January 16, 7PM**

**Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft**

\*NO December Meeting





# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd ♦ 713-726-7107 ♦ [platou@houstontx.gov](mailto:platou@houstontx.gov)



**Holiday Social Potluck**  
**December 12, 11AM—1PM**  
 Open to all, everyone is invited. It is a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share! After lunch we will take a group picture and have a White Elephant Gift Exchange for fun. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift of something inexpensive, useful or edible. Joke gifts are okay, too.  
**Toys for Tots:** Please bring a new unwrapped toy. The toys will be delivered to Weichert Realtors to be delivered to Santa Claus. For more information, please call 713-726-7107.

**Platou CLOSED December 24-25 and January 1**

## Weekly Classes/Groups

### Stretching Exercise Class

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9-9:45AM**

Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

### Ms. BeeHaven Quilters

**Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM**

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

### Table Games

**Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM**

Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and more!

### Table Tennis

**Wednesday, 4-8PM**

Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong/Table Tennis will be available with Mr. Nelson

### Interested in new classes/groups?

Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 or email [platou@houstontx.gov](mailto:platou@houstontx.gov) if you want to form a craft class, play bridge, hold a meeting, etc. New classes are always welcome and needed. All classes are free and led by volunteers. The center will be open until 8PM Monday through Thursday.

### Thanks for Donations

The Friends of Chimney Rock Park thank the donors who contributed funds for installing more benches and tables at the park. They believe that they have received sufficient donations to go forward to installing the new park amenities. Thank you!

### Platou Heritage Stitchery Show

On October 25, the Friends of Chimney Rock Park hosted a Heritage Stitchery show at the Platou Community Center. The show featured a variety of handmade items such as quilts, knitted items, embroidery, crochet, and clothing. Some of the items were treasured family heirlooms.



### Are You Interested in a FREE Aerobics Class?

The Houston Parks Department has promised to assign a leader for an aerobics class to Platou, if enough individuals express an interest. The class would be FREE and held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. To put your name on a list, call Platou at 713-726-7107.



### Meyer Library News

#### ➔ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

The Meyer Library has long been on the City's replacement list and after minor flooding in Harvey, the decision was made to not re-open Meyer Library. The City recently approved \$1.2 Million to purchase land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location would be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury on Belrose.

### "Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library is now open in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn next to Kolter Elementary. Limited Services. Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

#### Hours of operation:

- Mon-Wed: 1:00PM-6:00PM
- Thurs: 1:00PM-8:00PM
- Fri: 1:00PM-5:00PM



# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events/Meetings Calendar DECEMBER 2018

Sun 9	Houston Christmas Festival Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend See page 1 for more information	7PM
Wed. 12	Holiday Social Potluck Platou Center, 11655 Chimney Rock See page 4 for more information	11AM-1PM
Sat. 15	No Audubon Society Bird Survey in December	
Sat 15	Deck the Halls Parade See page 1 for more information	5PM
Sat 15	Holiday Judging—Yard of the Month Get your decorations out!!!	
Mon 17	No Brays Bayou Association Meeting in December	
Wed 19	No WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting in December	
Wed 19	No WCC Board Meeting in December	
Tues 25	NO SW PIP Meeting in December	
Dec 19- Jan 2	WCC Office Closed	

## TRASH SCHEDULE



### Recycling in Westbury

All of Westbury recycles on Schedule A. Recycling is every other week. Recycling goes into the green trash can.

**December 2018**

**January 2019**

Thursday, December 6

Thursday, January 3

Thursday, December 20

Thursday, January 17

Thursday, January 31

## Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

**December 2018**

**January 2019**

**JUNK WASTE**

**TREE WASTE ONLY**

Thursday, December 13

Thursday, January 10

## Important Trash & Recycling Info



Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.

- Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- NO Glass in the green recycling bins
- NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- 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.
- GLASS: May be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend, in the orange container near W. Bellfort.
- 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 19– January 2:** WCC Office will be not be open during its normal hours. Please call before coming to the office to make sure someone is there.

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!**

**Happy New Year!**

## Planning Calendar

HISD Winter Break

Dec. 24, 2018-Jan. 4, 2019





## Two Holiday Plays at Company OnStage

### Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol

November 30 – December 22, 2018

A Victorian holiday mystery by JOHN LOGENBAUGH  
Produced by special arrangement with DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE, INC.

A meeting of two Victorian classics. On Christmas Eve, Sherlock Holmes is in a dark and misanthropic mood, soon to retire from solving crimes. The ghostly spectre of his great enemy Professor Moriarity warns him he will be visited by three spirits and of impending doom. We learn about Holmes' early life, the chaos that near retirement has caused, and of a terrifying future based on his own actions. Christmas morning finds Holmes a new man and rededicated to his higher purpose. This production is appropriate for the entire family.

Tickets at [Companyonstage.org](http://Companyonstage.org)

### The Story of the Nutcracker

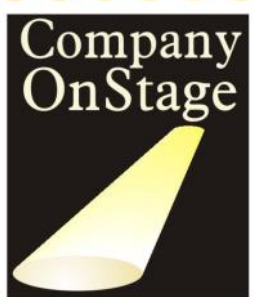
December 1-22, 2018

Adapted by MICHELE L. VACCA  
Produced by special arrangement with CLASSICS ON STAGE! of Chicago

"With visions of sugar plums dancing on stage..." A cast of 8 portrays more than 30 characters in this lively and enchanting production in which Uncle Drosselmeyer presents three very special dolls at Christmas. But when Marie sneaks downstairs to say goodnight to the dolls, including the nutcracker, and the toy soldier, she falls asleep under the Christmas tree, holding the nutcracker and enters dreamland where the beautiful dolls come to life.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.companionstage.org](http://www.companionstage.org).

Company OnStage is located at 4930 W. Bellfort.



## Annual Gift Market

December 1, 9AM-2PM

Westbury United Methodist Church, located at 5200 Willowbend, is hosting its annual Good Gifts Market on Saturday, December 1st, 9am-2pm. The market features nonprofits/businesses that sell fair trade items or whose business model focuses on helping people in need (e.g., victims of human trafficking, people in poverty, etc.). Vendors to date include Westbury UMC Piecemaker Quilters, Free the Captives, Paper for Water, Haitian Artisans for Peace International, FAM Houston, Passion Lilie and SERRV. PUCS will also be there. Come and shop for a cause!

## Deck the Halls Parade Route Map

The 20th Annual Deck the Halls Parade will be held on December 15 at 5pm in Westbury 3. Below is a map of the parade route. The parade starts on Belrose (by the old Post Office) and turns onto Burlinghall heading West to Ashcroft. The parade will then travel North on Ashcroft until it turns to Warm Springs. The final turn is onto Atwell. The parade will end back at the old Post Office.

Please do NOT park in the streets on the parade route. You can park on the surrounding neighborhood streets. See page 1 for more information.



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# Mentors of Hope at WHS

Have you been looking for a way to make a difference? Mentors of Hope (Helping One Person Excel) will give you that opportunity. If you can spare just one hour per week around lunch time, you can make a difference in a Westbury High School student's life. The benefits are far-reaching and deeply rewarding to your student and to you as well. Be a mentor and make a difference.

## Objective

The object of the program is to expose the student to a more productive way of life. The goal is to ensure that every "at risk" student at Westbury High School will have the opportunity to participate and to have a personal mentor. Recruitment is a continuous process so that the supply of mentors will adequately meet the student's needs.

## Mission

Mentor of Hope's mission is to provide "at risk" high school students with a program of hope, direction, and encouragement. To achieve these goals, they supply each student with a trained mentor to assist them in setting and achieving goals, including graduation, to develop skills necessary to pursue higher education or a trade, and to support them as they face the many difficulties of life. Ultimately, these efforts are directed at realizing the potential of each student. The program serves "at risk" students attending Westbury HS by bringing in volunteer mentors and speakers from the community to meet with and encourage students.

## History

This is a tried and true program created in 1998 when a senior teacher recognized a need for student counseling to help with domestic crisis, substance abuse, peer pressures, truancy, and other issues hindering a student's performance at school. Over its 19 year history at Lee High, it had a 98% success rate. When you meet the director, Sheila Howieson, you will be inspired by her passion and vision.

**Mentor: An experienced and trusted counselor. A mentor is a role model who can share their experiences and have a positive influence on a younger person. Being a mentor could mean helping a student graduate and to embark on a rewarding career and a healthy and fulfilling life**

To find out more about the program contact Sheila Howieson at 281-980-5835 or jemsofbray@yahoo.com.

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**COMMUNITY MEETING**

**MILNE ES**

7800 Portal Drive, Houston 77071  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018, 6 PM

## Mobile Food Pantry at WHS

Westbury High School students operate a monthly community mobile food pantry on the WHS Campus. The next mobile pantry dates are December 6 and 20. Thank you WHS!



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## 2018 Property Taxes: Where Does the Money Go?

The Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector, Ann Harris Bennett, has mailed the 2018 Property Tax statements. As always, this generates a lot of discussion, especially for those whose tax bill is not escrowed. First, the good news is that there was no tax increase in the rate. What could have increased or decreased for many was the appraised value. With a homestead exemption this value can only be raised by a maximum of 10% per year. For transparency, the tax statement shows the last five years valuations and tax.

According to HAR.com the median appraised value for the 3406 homes in Westbury Sections 1 – 5 is \$219,762, which is up from \$208,021 in 2017. The median sold price per square foot is \$159.92. Currently there are 80 homes for sale in Westbury with an average list price of \$310,815 up from \$300,000 in 2017.

For Westbury South's 572 homes, median appraised value in 2016 was \$127,541 up from \$115,941 in 2017. The median sold price per square foot is \$115.93. There are currently 3 homes for sale with an average list of \$235,000, down from \$254,760. You cannot buy a home in any part of Westbury under \$200,000.

For Parkwest's 955 homes, the median appraised value was \$277,753, up from \$256,538 in 2017. The median sold price per square foot is \$143.15. There are currently 39 homes for sale with an average list price of \$327,148, up from \$302,204 in 2017.

Doing a spot check through Westbury, many homes had the full 10% increase in valuation; others were less than the 10%; a few went down and some stayed the same. For homes with just a homestead exemption: a \$200,000 house with \$20,000 increase saw a tax increase of a little under \$400; a \$300,000 house with a \$30,000 increase saw a tax of increase about \$600. One of the complaints about the property tax is the inequity of the valuations. Those that protest every year have the lowest valuations; those that don't protest have the highest. And before you start complaining and asking what does the City of Houston do with ALL that money you send the, be sure and check out your bill and see who actually gets your money. For an average Westbury appraised home of 203,000, 43% goes to HISD, 24.8% to the City and 17.8% to the County.



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### Appraised Value \$311,000 - Who Gets My Money?

Taxing Jurisdiction	Exemption	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Taxes	Pct.
<b>Houston ISD</b>	<b>87200</b>	<b>223800</b>	<b>1.2067</b>	<b>2700.59</b>	<b>45</b>
Harris County	62200	248800	0.41801	1040.01	17.3
<b>Harris Cnty Flood Control</b>	<b>62200</b>	<b>248800</b>	<b>0.02831</b>	<b>70.44</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Port of Houston Authority	62200	248800	0.01256	31.25	0.51
Harris Cnty Hospital District	62200	248800	0.1711	425.70	7
Harris Cnty Dept. of Educ.	62200	248800	0.0052	12.93	0.21
Houston Comm. College	31100	279900	0.10026	280.64	4.7
<b>City of Houston</b>	<b>62200</b>	<b>248800</b>	<b>0.58421</b>	<b>1453.00</b>	<b>24.2</b>
VALUE: 311,000 APPRAISED				<b>6014.56</b>	

### Appraised Vale \$203,001 - Who Gets My Money?

Taxing Jurisdiction	Exemption	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Taxes	Pct.
<b>Houston ISD</b>	<b>65600</b>	<b>137401</b>	<b>1.2067</b>	<b>1658.02</b>	<b>43.4</b>
Harris County	40600	162401	0.41801	678.85	17.8
<b>Harris Cnty Flood Control</b>	<b>40600</b>	<b>162401</b>	<b>0.02831</b>	<b>45.98</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Port of Houston Authority	40600	162401	0.01256	20.40	0.53
Harris Cnty Hospital District	40600	162401	0.1711	277.87	7.27
Harris Cnty Dept. of Educ.	40600	162401	0.0052	8.44	0.22
Houston Comm. College	20300	182701	0.10026	183.18	4.8
<b>City of Houston</b>	<b>40600</b>	<b>162401</b>	<b>0.58421</b>	<b>948.76</b>	<b>24.8</b>
VALUE: 203,001 APPRAISED				<b>3821.50</b>	

### Appraised Value \$114,072 - Who Gets My Money?

Taxing Jurisdiction	Exemption	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Taxes	Pct.
<b>Houston ISD</b>	<b>47940</b>	<b>66762</b>	<b>1.2067</b>	<b>805.62</b>	<b>39.8</b>
Harris County	22940	91762	0.41801	383.57	18.9
<b>Harris Cnty Flood Control</b>	<b>22940</b>	<b>91762</b>	<b>0.02831</b>	<b>25.98</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Port of Houston Authority	22940	91762	0.01256	11.53	0.56
Harris Cnty Hospital District	22940	91762	0.1711	1.57	7.8
Harris Cnty Dept. of Educ.	22940	91762	0.0052	4.77	0.23
Houston Comm. College	11470	103232	0.10026	103.50	5.1
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# 2018 ELECTION RESULTS

Continuing our proud tradition of great civic engagement, our Westbury residents once again voted at high participation levels during the 2018 Election of federal and state and county elections. Westbury is so large that we spread across nine Houston precincts. Six of our precincts exceeded 60% voting, and one of those precincts exceeded 70% voting. By comparison, the city average was about 53 percent voting participating. One precinct was similar to the citywide rate. The two lowest voting precincts predominantly serve apartment dwellers, but voting rates were still much higher than typical for a midterm election.

## City Propositions

**Proposition A** regarding ReBuild Houston fees **passed**, which will continue the fees so that revenues are dedicated to flooding, drainage, and street improvements.

**Proposition B** regarding a petition by the Firefighters to increase salaries based on the salaries for the Houston Police Dept. **passed**. At the time of print, financial consequences are not fully known. However, Mayor Sylvester Turner has indicated that layoffs are anticipated after Thanksgiving. Additionally, creditors have reduced the financial rating for the City.

## County Elected Positions

There was a surge of Democratic officeholders elected to county offices, including elected judiciary. The new Harris County Judge, the top executive for Harris County, will be Lina Hidalgo, who defeated incumbent Ed Emmett in a tight race.

## State Elected Positions

In the Westbury area, incumbents prevailed for the Texas State Legislature: Texas Representatives Sarah Davis and Shawn Thierry, and Texas Senators Joan Huffman and Borris Miles.

Pct.	Polling location	Total Voters	Number Voted	Voting %
403	Westbury Baptist	1,714	1,226	71.53
14	Parker Elementary	1,935	1,324	68.42
281	Godwin	2,310	1,578	68.31
146	Platou Center	2,076	1,413	68.06
293	Anderson Elementary	1,828	1,194	65.32
291	Parker Elementary	1,184	725	61.23
693	Westbury High School	730	383	52.47
453	Braeswood Assembly of God	2,107	1,012	48.03
22	Foerster Elementary	2,517	1,156	45.93

## Federal Elected Positions

The airwaves were full of advertisements for several federal elected positions which affect Westbury, and phones never stopped ringing as both sides worked hard to contact potential voters. In the end, Lizzie Pannill Fletcher defeated incumbent US Representative John Culberson and incumbent US Representative Al Green was re-elected. In the race for the US Senate, incumbent Senator Ted Cruz defeated Beto O'Rourke.

## Thank You

Thank you to all the precinct chairs and elections clerks who worked this election cycle at all the locations serving Westbury precincts: Parker Elementary, Foerster Elementary, Platou Community Center, Godwin Community Center, Anderson Elementary, Westbury Baptist, Westbury High School, and Braeswood Assembly of God. And, we are grateful that Parker Elementary School is back in service as a voting location after being out of service while the new building was under construction.

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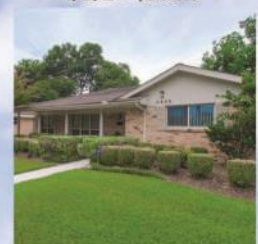
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## Westbury Area Big Winners at Keep Houston

Four local Westbury area organizations, including the Westbury Civic Club, received honors from Keep Houston Beautiful on November 13, 2018, for their efforts to improve health and public green spaces. These are amazing achievements and reflects the great work that the WCC and our community partners are doing, and continue to do, to make our corner of Westbury and southwest Houston better places to live. Mayor Turner was out of the country on a business trip, so our very own District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum presented the awards.

The **Westbury Civic Club** received a Mayor's Proud Partner Award for our Keep Westbury Beautiful efforts during April of 2018. Volunteers cleaned up Westbury Park and planted two replacement trees. One tree honored the memory of the late District K CM Larry Green and the other tree honored retiring Keep Houston Beautiful Director Robin Blut. The award was received by Matt Funk, WCC Director of Beautification (Top Photo).

The **Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy** received a Mayor's Proud Partner Award for the implementation of the new Arboretum Trail near Ricecrest. The award was received by Bill Burhans, Director of Conservation for the WWGC (middle photo). Special thanks to Russell Schexnayder for his vision/funds to develop this area (aka "Russell's Trail"). Thanks to all the scouts, faith groups, corporate volunteers, and conservancy members who put in approximately 2,000 hours total to make it happen.

The **Brays Oaks Management District** received a Certificate of Recognition for its ongoing efforts to pick up litter and bandit signs from public roads in the district and for maintaining various esplanades in the district.

The **Westbury Community Garden** received a Certificate of Recognition for its VEG-Out activities to encourage people to eat more vegetables, to experiment with different types of vegetables, and to live in a more healthy manner. (Bottom Photo)

Also, a new category of award was created, the **Community Champion Award** to honor the memory of the late **Donald Perkins**, Chief of Staff of District K, who was deeply involved in tree planting activities and community clean-up activities. This award was received by the family of Donald Perkins.

**Congratulations to all the hard-working volunteers who make Westbury Beautiful!**





## Sharpstown High NHS Honored

In addition to the Westbury area awards, several nearby neighbors were also honored. Jennifer Kuhleman, Sharpstown High School teacher and advisor to their National Honor Society, received a certificate of recognition for her volunteer work with the students. The NHS students are regular volunteers in Westbury. They worked at Westbury Park, the Westbury Community Garden, and at the Willow Waterhole. After Harvey they helped muck out houses in Westbury.



## Volunteers Appreciated by SWHouston2000 and BOMD

On Thursday, November 15, the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) and SWHouston2000 held a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to recognize members of the community for all of the work they do in our community. District K Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum was the keynote speaker and she updated everyone on the things she and the District K staff are working on. She also announced that, in 2019, District K will focus on efforts to KLEAN up District K for their Keep District K Beautiful activities.



Three Special Awards were presented at the breakfast. The NonProfit Award was presented to Cody Miller of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in recognition for the 30,000 high school students who attended a conference in Houston during the summer and participated in community clean up events in Houston (including locations in Westbury at the Westbury Community Garden, the Willow Waterhole Greenway, and at Westbury High School). The Business Award was presented to Fiesta Mart #24 and Store Manager George Nwanguma in recognition of their dedication and support of National Night Out events.

The 2nd Annual Cindy Chapman Award for Volunteer Service was presented to Marcy Williams for her excellence in public service and leadership. Marcy Williams helped us establish our Westbury Super Neighborhood organization, recognized by the City of Houston in 2005.



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE SOUTHWEST HOUSTON GREAT!**

## UP Art Studio at Keep Houston Beautiful

UP Art Studio's Noah and Elia Quiles were awarded the Chairman Select Award for their murals in Gulfton. A recent Crier had pictures of the murals. UP Art Studios were the first to



create the mini murals and Westbury received the first one at the corner of Willowbend and West Bellfort.

## New MiniMural in Westbury

Have you noticed the new MiniMural which is located on a traffic control box at the northwest corner of West Bellfort and Chimney Rock? It is bright and colorful. The new MiniMural was painted in October by local artist Anat Ronen as part of an award-winning program by UPART Studio, and was sponsored by District K. The previous MiniMural at that visible Westbury location had been removed by the city, so it is fantastic to have a replacement. Thank you, District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum for our newest Westbury MiniMural!



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2. Go to "Your Account," then under "Shopping Programs and Rentals", select the option to "Change Your Charity." You can also point your mouse over the small arrow next to the charity you are currently supporting, then click Change.
3. Type Westbury Area Improvement Corp into the search and then click Select.



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## Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The annual meeting of the nonprofit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) was held on November 14. The WAIC board of directors approved updating the WAIC bylaws and elected the 2019 Board of Directors and Officers of the WAIC.

### 2019 WAIC Officers

President—Becky Edmondson  
Vice President—David Roschke  
Secretary—Susan Shafer  
Treasurer—Marcia Hartman

The WAIC board approved participating in a research study with the University of Houston / Texas Southern University regarding civic engagement and barriers to civic engagement in



four communities in the Houston area. The four proposed participating communities are: Alief, Pleasantville, Near Northside, and Westbury. There will be opportunities announced for interested residents to participate.

A representative from the **Harvey Registry** spoke about a study Rice University is doing on health impacts related to Harvey and they would like YOUR input. If you lived in Houston during Hurricane Harvey, simply go to [Harveyregistry.rice.edu](http://Harveyregistry.rice.edu) and complete the quick 10 minute survey, whether you flooded or not. Read more on page 15.

Mentors of Hope presented information about their Westbury High mentoring program and you can read more about in this month's Crier on page 7. Pct. 5 Sergeant Nick Derkowski advised that crime was the lowest it had been since April.

The WAIC meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 AM in Room 205 in the administrative building at St John's Presbyterian Church at 5020 West Bellfort. No meeting will be held in December. Meetings are public.

### 2019 WCC Board Meeting Dates

The Westbury Civic Club approved the following calendar for the monthly board meetings in 2019.

- January – Wednesday, January 16, 2019
- February – Wednesday, February 20, 2019
- March – Wednesday, March 20, 2019
- April – Wednesday, April 17, 2019
- May – Wednesday, May 15, 2019
- June – Wednesday, June 19, 2019
- July – Wednesday, July 17, 2019
- August – Wednesday, August 21, 2019
- September – Wednesday, September 18, 2019
- October – Wednesday, October 16, 2019
- November – Wednesday, November 16, 2019
- December – No Meeting

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## Rice University Flood Research Meeting

A group of researchers from Rice University met with Cindy Chapman, WCC President, and Jennifer Edmondson, WCC Director of Infrastructure, to discuss possible research topics related to Westbury. We took a tour of the flood detention lakes built by the Harris County Flood Control District along Willow Waterhole Bayou and some of the



streets impacted by flooding during Hurricane Harvey. The participants from Rice University were: Albert Pope, Professor in Architecture; Dominic Boyer, Professor in Anthropology; and Mark Vardy, Post Doctoral Fellow.

## Halloween Rain In Westbury Flooded Streets and Cars

It seems Houston has a thing for big rain events on holidays. This past Halloween was no exception. The Westbury area saw a very heavy rainfall in a short period of time right at school dismissal time on October 31, 2018. The downpour started at 3:20 and was done by 4:20 but the damage was done. Over 2.5 inches of rain fell in 35 mins and in a 5 minute span, 0.4 inches of rain fell. That is nearly an half an inch of rain in FIVE MINUTES. Our streets cannot handle this amount of water this quickly, nor are they designed to. As a result, almost all the streets in Westbury and the surrounding neighborhoods of Maplewood and Meyerland were flooded and impassable. Streets that normally (not even in Harvey) do not hold water, were covered over the curbs.

The WCC office received multiple reports of cars driving though yards to avoid high water in the streets. Please do NOT drive on the lawns. If you are stuck in flooded streets, pull into a driveway to wait it out. Several homeowners have sent the WCC videos of cars and some homeowners have been successful reporting it to the police. There were flooded cars on some streets but the WCC office did not receive any reports of structural flooding with this rain event. If your home flooded during this rain, please call the office to let us know.

During the rain, all eyes were on the flood gage at the Willow Waterhole bayou and Landsdowne. The gage was not working during the storm and was not updating the correct water level of the bayou. The WCC received reports and photos of the water going over the weirs at the detention basins (see picture below). This area appeared to function correctly with a high amount of water runoff going over the weir.

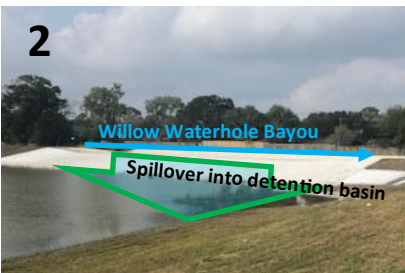
The HCFCD has since adjusted the bayou level indicator for the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne and fixed the error. The gage should report accurately in the next rainfall.



Flooded streets on Creekbend in Westbury 2 and Stillbrooke by Parker



Willow Waterhole Bayou at the weir (spillover) behind Westbury homes on Gaymoor.



### Weirs "Spillovers" on the Willow Waterhole Bayou

These 4 photos show some of the new features at the Willow Waterhole Bayou and detention basins. Photo 1 shows the new large culverts that are bringing the Bankside/Hummingbird bayou water from the Chimney Rock intersection to the Willow Waterhole Bayou. This photo also shows one of the weirs into the detention basin as well as the emergency/secondary spillover that will allow water to overflow and re-entered the channel on other side of the "control structure" that is seen circled in red in photo 3. The control structure restricts the flow of water in the bayou. As water level rises in the channel, water will flow over the weirs and into the detention basins. Photo 2 shows the 2nd weir which is located along the Willow Waterhole Bayou directly behind the homes on Gaymoor in Westbury. This weir is located before the other one. The basins are now all connected. One of the new connections is seen in Photo 4.



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## Road Fixed at Hillcroft and S. Main Train Tracks

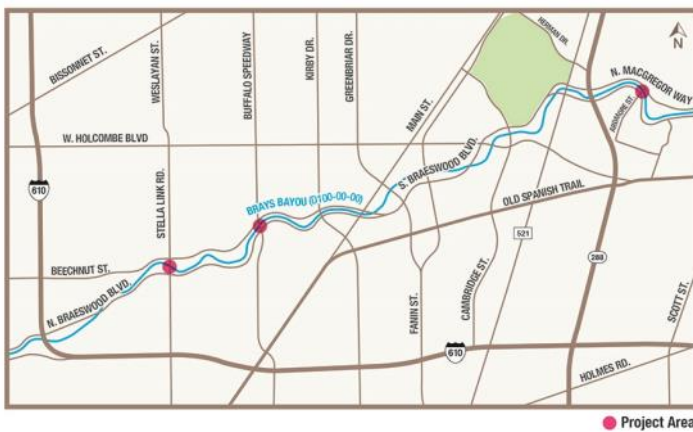
If you have driven across the railroad tracks at South Main at Hillcroft, then you know that vehicles passing over the railroad tracks had to creep slowly over the tracks due to large variation in surface heights at the crossing. The uneven road bed was disrupting traffic flow through the intersection, and some vehicles had been damaged.

District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum had been a strong advocate to convince the Union Pacific Railroad Company and TXDoT to expedite road bed repairs, rather than delaying the work for future intersection modifications. At long last, the construction work has been completed to repair the road bed at the railroad tracks at Hillcroft.

Repairs to the road beds at the Fondren and Chimney Rock



## Map of Bridge Work on Brays Bayou



## Project Brays Updates for Westbury and New Bridges

The flood construction work at the intersection of West Bellfort and Chimney Rock is now complete. That is good news for all motorists in Westbury!

The Harris County Flood Control District began coordinated construction November 19 to modify or replace three existing bridges over Brays Bayou with new higher, wider and/or longer spans that will improve the conveyance of stormwater along Brays Bayou in south central Harris County. Construction began November 19 with the closure of both the Buffalo Speedway and Ardmore Street bridges. The Buffalo Speedway, Ardmore Street and Stella Link bridges will be the 18th, 19th and 20th bridge modifications constructed by the Flood Control District as part of \$480 million Project Brays, a cooperative effort between the Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Project Brays includes the widening of 21 miles of Brays Bayou in 13 separate channel modification project segments, the modification of 32 bridges, and the construction of four stormwater detention basins with a combined capacity of 3.5 billion gallons. (A new bridge over Brays Bayou at Forest Hill Boulevard has been under construction since July 2018. The final segment of channel modifications as part of Project Brays, between Loop 610 and Fondren Road in the Meyerland area, also has been under construction since the summer of 2018.) In August 2018, Harris County Commissioners Court awarded two construction contracts to lowest qualified bidder, James Construction Group, for this latest bridge work – a \$6,625,343 contract for the Buffalo Speedway bridge, and a \$7,889,508 contract for the Stella Link Road and Ardmore Street bridges.

### Construction of all three bridges will be coordinated to reduce traffic disruptions:

- ◆ Buffalo Speedway and Stella Link Road bridges will not be closed at the same time.
- ◆ **All lanes of the Buffalo Speedway bridge are closed.** Bridge work will last for approximately one year. The main detour through this area will be via Kirby Drive and Stella Link.
- ◆ All lanes of the Ardmore Street bridge also will be closed for approximately a year and a half. The main detour through this area will be via Scott Street and State Highway 288.
- ◆ Stella Link Road bridges will not be closed to traffic until the Buffalo Speedway bridge is reopened.
- ◆ All Stella Link Road traffic will be shifted to one of the Stella Link Road bridges while the other is under construction. Residents and motorists are encouraged to remain alert to changing conditions, and to pay attention to all posted lane closure and detour signs.

When Project Brays is complete, it is expected to provide a 1 percent (100-year) level of flood protection upstream (west) of the Sam Houston Tollway. In areas downstream (east) of the tollway, Project Brays will reduce the number structures at risk from a 1 percent (100-year) flood from 16,800 to 1,800. To learn more about the Flood Control District, visit [www.hcfdc.org](http://www.hcfdc.org). Remember to follow us on Twitter @HCFCFD for all the latest #HCFCFDnews

See map to the left to bridge construction location.



## Hurricane Harvey Registry

The Hurricane Harvey Registry is a project that collects health, location, and exposure information from people affected by Hurricane Harvey. This project is led by Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda from Rice University. This project is funded by the Cullen Trust for Healthcare, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the National Institutes of Health. The Hurricane Harvey Registry surveys will collect health, location, and exposure information from Houston area residents and people who came to Houston during Hurricane Harvey. This information can help identify health trends and risks associated with Hurricane Harvey. The registry will also support planning for future natural disasters and policy making by city officials.

If you are 18 or older and lived in the Greater Houston area during Hurricane Harvey (August/September 2017) you can take the core survey. You can take the survey, whether you flooded or not. Therefore, anyone who lived in the Westbury area during Hurricane Harvey is eligible to take the brief, 10-minute survey. [harveyregistry.rice.edu](http://harveyregistry.rice.edu)

**How long will it take to complete this survey?** After reading the consent form, it will take you about 10-15 minutes to complete the core survey.

**Can I save the responses and return later?** No. If you navigate away from a survey while completing it, any answers will be lost.

**How will my participation in the Hurricane Harvey Registry Core Survey help Houston?** The information in the registry will help us understand the health impacts of Hurricane Harvey on the Greater Houston area. We will share reports with you that tell you what we are learning from the registry. The reports will also be shared with government officials to guide the response to Harvey and plan for Houston's future.

**Why should I provide my address?** One goal of this survey is to link environmental information with health information. An example is linking air pollution data to the address where you lived when Hurricane Harvey came to Houston. We cannot do this without residential address information.

# HURRICANE HARVEY REGISTRY



**How do you ensure that my personally identifiable information is stored safely?** Your personally identifiable information (PII) is stored on servers that meet the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

**Does the survey collect information about citizenship or immigration status?** No.

**Can a healthcare provider or insurance company access the data I provide for this survey?** No. Only approved Hurricane Harvey Registry staff and affiliates can access your personally identifiable information. Only data that have been summarized will be made public.

**Will anyone from the registry re-contact me?** We will only re-contact you if you agree to be re-contacted. We will only re-contact you regarding new resources for those affected by Harvey or for additional survey questions.

**Who can I contact if I have questions about the survey?** You can send an email to [HarveyRegistry@rice.edu](mailto:HarveyRegistry@rice.edu). Though you should identify yourself in the email, please do not provide any personal health information.

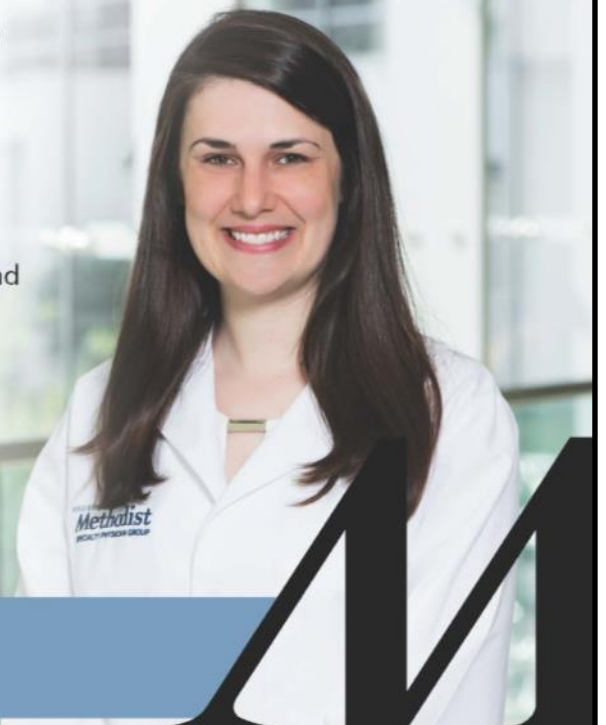
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




# 30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

October 23—November 25, 2018

## Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5500	Arboles	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	10/30	10AM	Westbury 3
5700	Arboles	Burglary of Habitation	11/5	3PM	Westbury 3
11500	Ashcroft	Burglary of Habitation	11/9	9AM	Westbury 3
12400	Atwell	Auto Theft (Car not truck)	10/25	6AM	Westbury South
12100	Chimney Rock	Robbery	11/7	4PM	Westbury 4
12100	Chimney Rock	Burglary of Habitation	11/25	10AM	Westbury 4
5600	Fontenelle	Aggravated Robbery	10/24	6PM	Westbury South
11500	Gaymoor	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	10/30	8PM	Westbury 3
10700	Glenfield Crt	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	10/30	8PM	Westbury 5
10500	Hillcroft	Auto Theft (Car not truck)	11/6	4PM	Westbury 5
10800	Moonlight	Theft- Other	11/13	1PM	Westbury 2
5700	Spellman	Theft - Firearm	10/26	1PM	Westbury 5
6000	Warm Springs	Theft - other	11/7	4PM	Parkwest 3
5800	W. Airport	Aggravated Robbery	11/4	10AM	Westbury South
5200	W Bellfort	Auto Theft (Car not truck)	11/3	1PM	Westbury 1
5200	W Bellfort	Burglary of Habitation	11/8	10PM	Westbury 1
5300	W. Bellfort	Theft	11/7	9AM	Westbury 1
5300	W Bellfort	Burglary of Building	11/1	10AM	Westbury 1
5000	Willowbend	Auto Theft (Car not Truck)	10/26	5AM	Westbury 1

### KEY

-  Burglary from Motor Vehicle
-  Auto Theft
-  Theft
-  Burglary
-  Aggravated Assault with Weapon
-  Aggravated robbery with weapon

The Westbury Civic Club strives to provide accurate information. Due to the printing date of the *Crier*, crime statistics are always delayed.

## Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

The chart below breaks out the type of crimes and how many at each type of location. . The WCC tries to publicize an accurate update list of crime in the area. If you have an idea of format, please call the office.

Crime Type	Westbury Homes	Apts./ Townhomes	Commercial/ Business	Public Space (Willow WH)
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	3	2	1
Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	2	3	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	0	1	0	0
Robbery	1	3	1	0
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3	6	0	0
Burglary of Building	1	1	0	0
Burglary of Habitation	4	2	0	0
Theft - other	3	4	2	0
Theft - Shoplifting	0	0	2	0
Theft - Firearm	1	0	0	0
Theft - From Building	0	0	1	0
Auto Theft	4	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

The crimes listed below took place between October 23 and November 25. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

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## Broken Recycling Cans

If the City trash truck takes or damages your trash cans, please report it to 311. After you get your service number, call the WCC office to let us know the SR number so we can help expedite your trash can issue. This has proven to be very successful method for most residents.

At the November WCC Board Meeting, City Solid Waste rep, Richard Nguyen, said the City will be receiving 25 NEW trash collection trucks. The new trucks will hopefully reduce the collection delays. The new trucks should be in service starting in January 2019. He also reported that a new shipment of trash cans just arrived so if you were missing a can to please re-report it so the City can get you a trash or recycling can.

Many residents called the office last month with their SR numbers for missing trash cans. Some have been calling the City since July! If you have reported a damaged or missing trash can to the City in the past several months but have not received a replacement can, please call 311 and re-report. Make sure to write down your Service Request (SR) number. Then call the WCC office with your SR number. Two residents called the day after our board meeting with their SR numbers and new trash cans were delivered that same day by Solid Waste Department! Please report all trash can problems to 311.



## Support our Westbury Area Patrol TODAY

A large part of the funds paid to Precinct 5 for our WAP Security Patrol (Harris County Precinct 5 Constables) is paid VOLUNTARILY by our residents who do not have mandatory assessments. If you appreciate this vital service, please consider showing your appreciation by sending a contribution TODAY for the WAP security patrol. See page 17 with information about how to send an online payment by PayPal or where to send your checks to our bank deposit lockbox in Dallas. Thank you for supporting WAP security patrol and for supporting our Westbury neighborhood!

## Constables Seek to Develop List of Residents with Security Cameras

Sgt. Derkowski of the Constables Precinct 5 Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) notes that some homes have security camera video systems with a view of public streets. These camera / videos can be very helpful to get photos of criminal suspects or to figure out which direction a criminal suspect has fled. Sgt. Derkowski is interested in developing a list of Westbury residents, in advance, who are willing to share photo or video information from their home security systems with the constables to help solve crimes.

If interested in participating in this program, please contact Sgt. Derkowski directly. He will need your NAME, House ADDRESS, and CONTACT INFORMATION (phone and email).

To contact Sgt. Derkowski, you can call the constable dispatcher at 281-463-6666 and ask that Sgt. Derkowski contact you, or you can email him at: [Nicholas.Derkowski@cn5.hctx.net](mailto:Nicholas.Derkowski@cn5.hctx.net)

**Vacation Watch** If you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables. This is a great service that is included in our contract. You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

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# Westbury Area News

## Feeding Stray Cats

Westbury is known as an animal loving neighborhood. BUT for some residents too much love is not a good thing. The Civic Club has received numerous complaints about neighbors feeding stray cats. It is against City ordinance to feed stray cats unless you trap them and have them neutered.

## Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook  
 Westbury CARE- Contact at [westburycare@gmail.com](mailto:westburycare@gmail.com) or at [www.westburycare.com](http://www.westburycare.com), Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



## House Numbers

Take a look at your house numbers 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.

## Taco Bell Closed Permanently

The Taco Bell restaurant located at 4904 West Bellfort at the corner of South Post Oak has CLOSED and the site is now available for lease. The site is owned by KorMex Foods, a company which owns the land for about 70 Taco Bell, KFC, or Pizza Hut restaurant locations in the greater Houston area.

A new Taceo Bell is located at 7720 W Bellfort.

## 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. 6, 6PM**

**January Meet & Eat: Thurs., Jan. 3, 6PM**

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

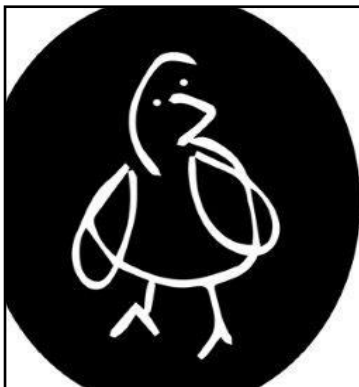
Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction? We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know 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. Call the Westbury Civic Club Office at 713-723-5437.

**Stay connected with what is happening in Westbury RIGHT NOW!**

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# 2019 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 2019 Mandatory Assessments is \$240.75. The 2019 Assessments are due by February 1, 2019.**

If you have any questions or do not get your invoice by December 15, 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 do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

Yes, this is correct! We have you mail your payments directly to our bank's processing center. This allows your payments to be processed immediately.

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

- Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
- Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
- 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

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## 2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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 5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr  
 12 payments of \$28 is \$336/yr

Westbury Civic Club Dues*	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$335</b>	\$
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

\*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 our important programs. We can't do it without you!  
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## NEW Activity at the Waterhole: Walking Tours of the Greenway

On a beautiful November day, 20 individuals from the community joined Conservancy guides on a walking tour of the Willow Waterhole Greenway. The 1.7 mile tour went on established trails across bridges to islands, along wetlands, and through prairies and forests. It included stops at scenic vistas and walking on the Arboretum Trail and Bayou Trail to view scout projects and flood control structures. Plans are to conduct the tours on a periodic basis. Future walking tour events will be advertised on their Facebook page "Willow Waterhole Greenway". Please join up - you will have a great experience viewing and



Walking Tour of the Willow Waterhole

## Veteran's Day at Willow Waterhole

On November 11, 2018, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy recognized Sergeant Major Navien Hayes for both his military service and his volunteer work at the Greenway. "Sarge", a Louisiana native, was a career military man serving in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He is now retired at the Westbury Place Care Center and loves to spend most days outdoors at the neighboring Willow Waterhole Greenway.

Brett Byers, a Westbury resident and Greenway volunteer, said "Sarge has become a good friend, he keeps his eyes on the condition of the property; reporting items that need to be fixed, identifying downed limbs, littered areas, and even ant mounds. He is an invaluable member of our team."

Bill Burhans, the WWGC's Conservation Chair, commented "Sarge also helps out on our conservation workdays and Eagle Scout projects, we are so appreciative of his service in the military and at the Greenway".



Sergeant Major Navien Hayes aka "Sarge"



**The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy received a Mayor's Proud Partner Award at the November 13, 2018, Keep Houston Beautiful award breakfast. Congratulations!**

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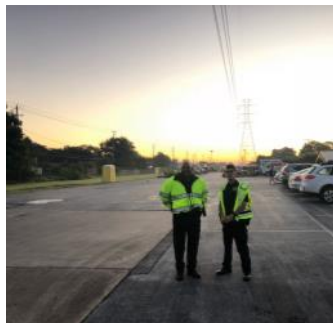


# Fall White Elephant Sale

For over 50 years the Westbury Civic Club has hosted its twice-yearly White Elephant Sales giving Westbury residents a chance to sell unwanted items in a controlled situation with security. The Fall 2018 Sale was held on October 27 with perfect weather! Hundreds of shoppers were lined up for the 8 AM opening and many treasures changed hands. There were clothes, shoes, books, furniture, toys, dinner ware, service ware, pans, statues, stuffed animals, tools, plants and more. At the end of the parking lot, the WCC gave out 40 trees that were donated to us by Trees for Houston. Trick or Tree is a popular attraction at the Fall White Elephant Sale. All trees were gone within two hours. CM Martha Castex-Tatum even stopped by for some bargain shopping.

There were many, "Hi, I thought that was you. How are you?" conversations – people catching up. It really was a great day for the sale. The sale ended at high noon with smiling vendors and smiling shoppers wending their way back home. There will be another White Elephant Sale in the Spring – another chance to buy most anything. The *Crier* will keep you informed.

**The NEXT White Elephant Sale will be in the Spring 2019!**



CM Castex-Tatum at the White Elephant Sale with WCC Board members (left) and new Westbury residents Kaetra and Ryan Speed (middle) and listening to concerned residents about flooding in Westbury (right)

Trick or Tree



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## Westbury Community Garden News

### WWW.WESTBURYCOMMUNITYGARDEN.ORG Master Plan Future Projects

As much as the Westbury neighborhood celebrates the garden's success in its first 9 years, in order to maintain the pace of growth and increase the garden's capacity, WCG has developed a master plan for new developments on the property. Phase 1 of the master plan implementation includes: adding new parking areas to accommodate more visitors, adding a new driveway and entrance, and improving site drainage. These site improvements will be done in an environmentally friendly way to: conserve water on the property; lessen the impact of heavy rains on street flooding; allow rainwater to soak into the ground and recharge the water table; support the WCG's orchards, gardens and prairies; and, increase biodiversity on the site.

### Donations Needed

The award winning Westbury Community Garden is a valuable asset to the Westbury Community. Please contribute to its continuing success.

To learn more about WCG or to make a donation by credit card or PayPal, visit the WCG website, [www.westburycommunitygarden.org/donate](http://www.westburycommunitygarden.org/donate). Or mail your donation by check to: Westbury Area Improvement Corp. (WAIC) at 5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 100, Houston, TX, 77035. Make checks payable to the WAIC with a memo line "Westbury Community Garden".

### WCG 2018 Fundraising Drive

Westbury Community Garden's fund-raising drive has begun. Watch the video presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpAgCkOLsY8>

It's super easy to make a donation by credit card or PayPal at [www.westburycommunitygarden.org/donate](http://www.westburycommunitygarden.org/donate).

### Garden News

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) is one of the largest and most successful community gardens in Houston. Please contact us if you are interested in getting on the waiting list to join the garden.

Is your group looking for a community service project? WCG works alongside church groups, neighbors, scouts, and school groups in various gardening and maintenance projects. There will not be a workday in December, but starting again in January 2019, there will be volunteer activities again every month, typically on the morning of the 4th Saturday each month with some variation in time depending on the season.

During the November garden workday, volunteers from the garden were joined by volunteers from two organizations: Vaughn Construction and also college students from the University of Houston Downtown Scholars Academy for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The Garden deeply appreciates our fantastic and hard-working volunteers. Check our event calendar and join us!

The Westbury Community Garden received a Certificate of Recognition on November 13 from Keep Houston Beautiful for our VEG-Out program held in the spring to encourage eating more vegetables and trying new vegetables.

The WCG has a new sign! Check it out to the right.



## 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.

**JOIN the garden TODAY at**  
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