



# Westbury Crier

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## Exciting News for Westbury City of Houston to Purchase Property for Additional Detention and Greenspace

Houston City Council has approved \$11.4 million for the buy-out of the Spring Village Apartment Complex at 11810 Chimney Rock in Westbury. The apartment complex is located at the corner of Ludington and Chimney and abuts the Willow Waterhole bayou.



City approves buy-out of Spring Village apartments in Westbury

The apartments, along with the adjacent Westbury homes, have faced repetitive flooding for decades. The apartment complex will be demolished and used as a 6-acre greenspace and detention site to prevent more flooding in Westbury. The Houston Housing Authority will fund the relocation of the existing tenants. For more information about this exciting purchase and Westbury flood advocacy, see pg. 9.

## New Online Services for Residents

The Westbury Civic Club has received feedback from Westbury residents over the years that they would like to have better options for communications and online payments. We are excited to announce that the WCC is transitioning to a new property management system. Features include a resident portal to check and pay dues, ability to email, send surveys and much more. For more information, see pg. 6.

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## 2021 Dues Increase

The WCC board voted to increase the 2021 WCC dues and Patrol fee. The new total is \$360. The Westbury Civic Club dues are now \$60 and the Westbury Area Patrol Constables is \$300. Please pay your 2021 dues, the dues form is on page 6. You can also pay online at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com). We hope to have the new online system up and running by the end of the year.



## WESTBURY HOLIDAY EVENTS

Normally we have a full calendar of holiday events in Westbury but that is not the case with COVID. The 2020 holiday season will look different. Many events, such as the very popular Deck the Halls parade have been cancelled and others modified for social distancing. On page 16 you will find a list of COVID safe family activities throughout Houston including list of best neighborhoods in the city to drive thru to see lights. Also, the WCC added a new online holiday decoration contest.



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

#### Saturday, December 12

The yard of the month judges will drive the neighborhood on Saturday, December 12, to pick the top three winners in each section along with the best blocks. If you would like to nominate your house or a neighbor's home, email Robert at [robertsmontgomery@icloud.com](mailto:robertsmontgomery@icloud.com).



### NEW Online Decoration Contest 6 Fun Categories

#### Submit Entries by December 11, 11:59PM

#### Facebook Voting—December 14 - December 18

Get out and decorate your house! New this year is an online contest with 6 fun categories. All entries must be submitted online via Facebook messenger or email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net). Entries must be submitted electronically by Friday, December 11, 11:59pm. Online voting on Westbury Houston Facebook page will start December 14, 10am and end December 18, 10am. Winners will be announced by Friday, December 18, 6pm.

#### 2020 Theme Winner (Best of 2020)

- The Shining (Most Lights/Brightest House)
- Overly Inflated (Most/Unique Inflatables)
- All Decked Out (Over the Top)
- Best Hannukah Decorations (Religious)
- Best Christmas Decorations (Religious)



## HEAVY TRASH RECYCLING

### December 2020

Thursday, December 10  
JUNK WASTE

### January 2021

Thursday, January 14  
TREE WASTE ONLY



### December 2020

Thursday, December 3  
Thursday, December 17  
Thursday, December 31

### January 2021

Thursday, January 14  
Thursday, January 28

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035  
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager  
*NOTARY SERVICES are NOT available at this time.*

**\*\*\*The office is CLOSED to the public. NO visitors.**

## CONTACT US

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## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000  
Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

# 2020-2021 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

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

'Tis the season to be thankful and appreciative of our many blessings. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year has been very different from what we expected back in January, yet new solutions and creative work-arounds have abounded. Back in the beginning of the year, I didn't even know what "Zoom" was, and now the WCC holds our monthly meetings using Zoom video conferencing and we share the meetings live to our Facebook page, Westbury Houston. Back in January, I shopped for all my groceries in person at the store. Now I can shop for groceries online, pick-up curbside, or have items delivered directly to my house. Technology can accomplish wonders.

I am thankful to live in a generous community. Earlier in November, we learned that there was a high need for personal hygiene items for students at Westbury High School. We spread the word, placed a box at the WCC office door for drop off items, and waited for our generous residents to take action. In just a week, our residents had donated two car loads full of items. See page 15 for photos and a breakdown of the donations. Thank you Westbury residents!

I am thankful to live in a community where people actively work to make improvements. I thank the board of the Westbury Civic Club for their efforts making Westbury a better place to live. I have a special thank you to Jennifer Edmondson, the sole paid employee of the WCC, for serving a huge neighborhood of 5,000 homes while also producing an award-winning monthly newsletter. I also want to

thank the thousands of residents who have worked so hard over so many years to keep Westbury as a viable and desirable neighborhood.

I am thankful to live in a community which is resilient and knows how to advocate effectively. Flooding has been an issue in some areas of Westbury. After continued strong advocacy by the WCC, Westbury residents, and community partners, changes are starting to arrive. You will read in this newsletter that the Houston City Council approved purchasing the Spring Village apartments on Chimney Rock at Ludington, which will be demolished for use as detention and greenspace. This is BIG news for Westbury and we are very thankful. For more information about this project, see pages 1 and 9. City Council recently approved purchasing the "Spellman Tract" west of Westbury for detention. The City also recently allocated more funds towards the much anticipated Westbury Street and Storm Drain Reconstruction project. All these projects will be beneficial in reducing the risk of flooding in Westbury.

I am very thankful for Westbury residents who help spread joy. This year we need all the joy we can find. The WCC expanded Yard of the Month for December by adding a new online holiday decoration contest (See page 1 and 16). We hope to encouraging the joy of holiday lights and fun in Westbury. Keep an eye on our Westbury Houston Facebook page to discover where the best holiday

decorations in Westbury can be found and to vote for your favorites!

The New Year is just around the corner and that means a new fiscal year for the WCC. The budget committee recommended raising the voluntary dues for first time in 5 years and the board approved the recommendation at the November board meeting. The 2021 WCC dues and WAP fee will be \$360. That is less than a dollar a day! The dues form is on page 6.

I am very pleased to announce that the WCC is getting a new property management system that includes an online resident portal that will allow for easy online payments as well as the ability to see your account and balance. The new program has many interactive tools such as online plan review, surveys, emails, and more. We are also updating to a new website that we hope will be easier to navigate. All of these changes are in response to resident feedback and the need to upgrade to a more technologically advanced system. Read more about this on page 6.

As the year comes to a close, I wish you all the joys of the season. Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah, or a simple Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year!

-Cindy Chapman



### **WCC Board Notes - November 2020**

- ➔ Guests— Sgt. Nick Derkowski, Westbury Area Patrol; Didi Chavis- Chief of Staff for District K; Richard Nguyen and Alyce Coffey from COH Solid Waste; Nicholas Taun from Houston Health
- ➔ 2021 Budget Approved (see page 7)
- ➔ WCC board passed motion to increase the 2021 dues to \$360 from \$335. The new breakdown is Westbury Civic Club \$60 and Westbury Area Patrol \$300.
- ➔ Motion passed to cancel the Westbury Civic Club board meeting in December
- ➔ Flood Control / Infrastructure— City of Houston to purchase apartments at corner of Ludington at Chimney Rock for future greenspace & flood detention (pgs. 1 & 9)
- ➔ Membership—Working on letter to send to all new homeowners introducing civic club and benefits of joining
- ➔ Civic Engagement Efforts – WHS toiletries donation drive was a success (page 15); civic engagement groups will be meeting in December and January.
- ➔ Vacant board positions—Section Director for Westbury 1 and Westbury 4, Director of Volunteers/Events

## **NEXT**

*Westbury Civic Club  
Board Meeting  
January 20, 2021, 7PM*

**Held via Zoom  
Streamed LIVE on  
Westbury Houston Facebook**





# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd

713-726-7107

platou@houston.tx.gov



- ➔ **Supervisor: Ilea Balderston**
- ➔ **Assistant: Justin Thomas**
- ➔ **Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED**
- ➔ **Playground, Swings & Basketball courts CLOSED**

All activities, groups, and classes are cancelled at the Platou Center. The playground and basketball courts are CLOSED in accordance to the Stay Home, Work Safe order.

**Please do not use the equipment.**



## Meyer Library News

### ➔ NEW Library Update

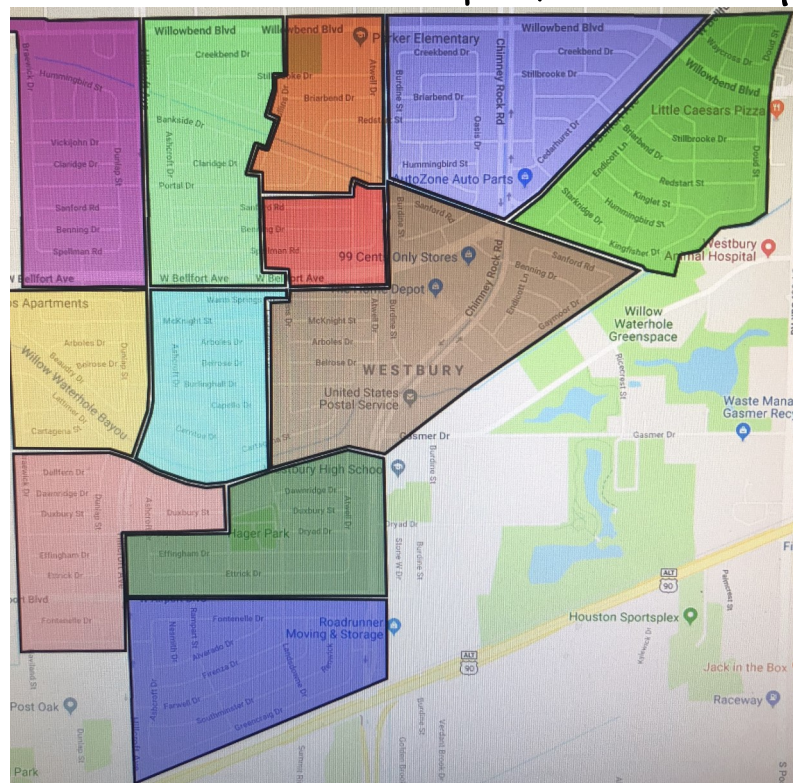
Brave Architecture Inc. is currently working on a design for the new library that will be located in Westbury. The plans are expected to be completed in November 2020. The new library should be completed by the end of 2022. The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury. Stay tuned to future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be part of the process.

### Library Action Committee:

Thank you for your interest in this committee. It is full at this time. The committee will hopefully have their first meeting this month. Look for an update in the December *Crier*.



## Map of Westbury by Section



Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard for the neighborhood for over 60 years. We often refer to different sections when talking about current or upcoming city projects, crime, or events. This handy map can also be found on our website, [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com).

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	443 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes

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## December 2020 Calendar Events/Meetings

<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>Online Holiday Decoration Contest Entry Deadline</b> See page 1 for more information
<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>Holiday Judging—Yard of the Month</b> Get your decorations out NOW! See page 1 and 16 for more information
<b>Sun 13</b>	<b>Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole 2PM-4PM</b> Westbury Lake—meet at the Schwartz Gazebo See page 8 and 19
<b>Dec 12-16</b>	<b>Online Judging of New Holiday Decoration Contest</b> See page 1 and 16 for more information
<b>Wed 16</b>	<b>WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting</b> CANCELLED
<b>Wed 16</b>	<b>Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting</b> CANCELLED
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>Audubon Society Bird Survey</b> To Be Determined
<b>Mon 21</b>	<b>No Brays Bayou Association Meeting in December</b>
<b>Tues 22</b>	<b>SW PIP Meeting</b> To Be Determined
<b>Dec 20 - Jan. 4</b>	<b>WCC Office Closed</b>

## PLANNING CALENDAR

**HISD Resumes Classes - January 4**

## All About Trash

Trash, yard waste, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



## Regular Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.

## Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



## Recycling in Westbury

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

### December 2020

### January 2021

Thursday, December 5

Thursday, January 14

Thursday, December 17

Thursday, January 28

Thursday, December 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 2020

### January 2021

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, December 10

Thursday, January 14

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

- 🗑️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻️ Recycling is every other Thursday.
- 🗑️ Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- 🗑️ Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- 🗑️ NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- 🗑️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- 🗑️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags with City logo
- 📞 Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- 🗑️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:  
**SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr** - 10785 SW Frwy  
 Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;  
 Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- 🗑️ **Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak  
 Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.  
 Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- 🗑️ Refer to [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash and recycling information



## Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. The past several years contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Area Patrol have been down. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors!

The total amount for the **2021 Voluntary dues are \$360**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$300 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

## Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)

## NEW ONLINE RESIDENT PORTAL COMING SOON

We have heard from our residents that they would like to have better options for communications with and payments to the Westbury Civic Club. We agree! We are excited to announce that the WCC is transitioning to a new property management system which adds some features that you residents have been requesting.

We will have a single portal where homeowners can make online payments, view payment history, view important documents, submit requests, and update contact information. The new system will make it easier for you to contact us, and for us to contact you and to be able to track your requests or concerns. There will be more payment options available, including the ability to set up auto-pay scheduled payments.

The office is currently working on the transfer of data and we should have the new system up and running for you by the end of the year. The January Crier will have detailed instructions on how to access and use the new system.

In the meantime for those of you that like to pay your dues in December, please continue to use the dues form below or [paypal.com](http://paypal.com). You can still pay your dues through our website, [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com).

**Go to [westburycrier.com](http://westburycrier.com) then to the Dues and Assessments page.**

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constable — \$300
- WCC Dues + Constable — \$60 + \$300 = \$360
- Additional Donation of \$100 or more

Once you get to the payment page you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card. If you would like to pay a different amount, please use [paypal](mailto:paypal@westburycrier.com) directly and send funds to [westburycr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycr@sbcglobal.net).

**Pay your 2021 dues  
ONLINE at [westburycrier.com](http://westburycrier.com)**

Please send this form in with your payment **2021 Westbury Civic Club Dues**  
*DO NOT USE FOR 2020 DUES*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:  
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.**

**Mail to:**

**P.O. Box 975182  
Dallas, TX 75397-5182**

**Online payment:**

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[www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) to email  
[westburycr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycr@sbcglobal.net)**

Make sure to include your address

<b>Westbury Civic Club Dues</b>	<b>\$60</b>	\$
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>	<b>\$300</b>	\$
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$360</b>	\$
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>		
<b>Westbury Civic Club</b>		\$
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

**Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you! To contact the WCC Office, call 713-723-5437 or email [westburycr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycr@sbcglobal.net).**

*By filling out this form, you are giving the WCC permission to send you communications. We DO not sell your information or give it out to other entities.*

### Want to send your support in multiple payments?

You may choose any amount to pay in any increment throughout the year.

Here are a few examples:

- 2 payments of \$180 is \$360/yr
- 3 payments of \$120 is \$360/yr
- 4 payments of \$90 is \$360/yr

## ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

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

**The 2021 Mandatory Assessments of \$250.90 are due 2/1/2021. Invoices will be mailed in December.**

Payment plans can be set up for homes that have a past due balance. Please contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437.



# 2021 Budget

\*Approved November 18, 2020

	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>General Income</b>	
Mandatory/Assessments	95,000
Voluntary WCC Dues	45,000
Westbury Area Patrol Voluntary (Restricted)	190,725
Refinancing Fees	5,000
Transfer Fees	35,000
Resale Certificates	1,000
Interest Income	1,500
<b>Total General Income</b>	<b>373,225</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
Crier Printing & Expenses	45,216
Crier Advertising Fees	-45,216
Community Garage Sale Expense	2,000
Community Garage Sale income	-2,000
Programs & Hospitality	2,000
Water, Plants, Supplies & Equipment	2,000
Harris County Constable Fees (3 deputies)	265,475
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>269,475</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>	
Books, Subscriptions, Dues	100
Postage, Mailing Service	3,500
Printing & Copying	500
Supplies	500
Training & Education	1,000
Bank & Pay Pal Fees	5,500
Computer & Software	12,500
Insurance	5,000
Payroll Expenses	50,000
Contract Services - Accounting/Legal	7,000
Facilities and Equipment	18,150
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>103,750</b>
<b>Total: Program + General Expenses</b>	<b>373,225</b>

## 2021 Budget Explained

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) Budget Committee prepared the 2021 Budget and made several recommendations to the WCC board. The WCC Board approved the budget and recommendations during the November 18 board meeting. The WCC operates on a calendar year budget. We estimate our income for the coming year, and then we budget proposed expenditures based on the projected income. The Budget Committee reviewed the 2019 financials (where we collected \$11,000 more than we spent) and 2020 financials (where our income was \$29,000 short). The 2021 Budget addresses the short falls of 2020. Our projected income and expense for 2021 is \$373,225, down from \$394,000 in 2020.

**Voluntary Dues Increase** — The WCC board approved the recommendation of the budget committee to raise the voluntary dues to \$360 from \$335. The 2021 WCC dues are \$60 and the Westbury Area Patrol Constables is \$300. The WCC has not increased the voluntary dues since 2016. It is still less than a dollar a day, which seems like a reasonable investment in what is, for most of us, our largest investment. Our Precinct 5 Constable patrol contract is set to increase again in 2021.

**Westbury Crier** — The other short fall in our 2020 budget was the Crier expense. In the past, our advertising has covered the cost of the printing as well as the delivery. We are increasing our ad rates slightly and looking to add at least 3-4 advertisers.

**New Interactive Property Management System** — The budget committee allocated extra money in the budget under computer and software expenses for a new property management system. The committee recommended and the board agreed that it needed to be an interactive program where homeowners can log in into their accounts; check their payments, send emails, etc. We also wanted a system that allows residents to make payments online and even set up recurring payments. We are excited to announce that we have already chosen a new program and hope to have it ready by the end of the year. (see page 6 for more information).

A big THANK YOU to the WCC Budget Committee. The committee was led by WCC Treasurer, Becky Edmondson, who was joined by WCC President, Cindy Chapman, and two new board members, Lindsey Pollock and Jonathan Hansen. A special "thank you" Lindsey and Jonathan, your fresh perspectives and ideas were very welcomed.

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# Get Involved Today!

## Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

### WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for our 1st workday at Westbury Lake on Sunday, December 13, 2-4PM. The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) is adopting the Westbury Lake at the Willow Waterhole. The WAIC, along with the Westbury Civic Club, will be hosting monthly regular workdays at the Westbury Lake. The first workday will focus on litter pick-up. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers. You must wear gloves and a mask.

**What:** Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday—litter pick-up

**When:** Sunday, December 13, 2PM-4PM

**Where:** Westbury Lake at Willow Waterhole—meet at the gazebo (see page 18 for map)



*Cub Scout Pack 8 from St. John's Presbyterian picked up trash around Willow Lake in November. This is a great COVID safe activity that the whole family can participate in.*

## Eyes on Westbury

Do you wish you could see the detention basins and weirs at the Willow Waterhole? Do you want another way to monitor flooding? Let's get cameras! Join this new group to help get "Eyes on Westbury." This group will research camera options, contact HCFCDD for access questions, fundraise if needed, look into other options with cameras and lights. If you are interested in joining the "Eyes on Westbury" group, please email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).



CAMERAS TO MONITOR WEIRS AND BAYOU

## WESTBURY ACTION COMMITTEES

### Westbury Flood Action Group

Westbury needs new infrastructure (storm drains) and better flood control along our bayous and ditches. Recent work at the Willow Waterhole basins and weirs helps with some rain events but Westbury needs real answers to the repetitive flooding. In the 1980s, Westbury had a very active Flood Action Group that was instrumental in getting changes and action. The WCC board reactivated this group at the October WCC board meeting. Parkwest 3 Section Director, Lisa Placke, will head this group along with Jennifer Edmondson, Director of Flood Control/Infrastructure. If you are interested, please email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

### Deed Restriction Revision Action Committee

Westbury's deed restrictions are outdated and need to be revised. This group will start meeting in January 2021. \*If you have already emailed regarding this group, please email us again, we have lost some data with a computer change over. If you are interested in joining, please email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

### Library Action Committee

Westbury is getting a new library. The WCC started a Library Action Committee. This committee will focus on getting up to date information, meeting with the City, and more. This group is currently full. Thank you to all the residents that emailed the WCC office! Look in future Criers for committee announcements.

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# Civic Advocacy Makes a Difference

The Westbury Civic Club and residents of Westbury have been working together to advocate for real solutions to the repetitive flooding problems that have plagued portions of Westbury along the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) since the 1960s. In 2014, at the District K Capital Improvement Plan meeting, the Westbury Civic Club delivered more than 100 public input documents to the City from residents who had flooded, detailing their flooding problems. The WCC was demanding a solution for repetitive Westbury flooding problems. After the 2014 CIP meeting, most of the Westbury neighborhood was selected to be re-engineered for Street and Storm Drain reconstruction project. In 2015, Westbury was added to the CIP 5+5 year plan for nine phases of a storm drain reconstruction project. This is just one part to fixing flooding issues in Westbury.



2014 CIP Meeting—then WCC President, Becky Edmondson, advocating for flood control

Harris County Flood Control also needs to improve the Willow Waterhole Bayou. The WCC continues to push for additional detention and buyouts along the bayou.

The infamous Project Brays does not address flooding along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Why? Because the flooding along the WWB did not meet federal “cost benefit analysis” criteria – basically our neighborhood wasn’t worth saving because our homes were not valuable enough. We disagreed, and began a concerted campaign to document flooding and to look for solutions.

Jennifer Edmondson, the WCC Office Manager and Director of Infrastructure, probably knows more about the flooding in Westbury than almost anyone, both causes and possible solutions. A self-described weather nerd, she is good at predicting how much rainfall will cause issues. Jennifer has been creating maps and gathering data for the last 7 years. She and the WCC board have kept flood advocacy for our residents on the front burner.

As a result, although we are still years from shovel ready and completed projects, the projects are now arriving and slowly starting. Throughout the year, we have announced property acquisitions, and project updates. We are very happy to announce the NEWEST property acquisition for flooding mitigation.

On November 18, Houston City Council approved the \$11.4 million buyout of the Spring Village Apartment complex located at the corner of Chimney Rock and Ludington on the banks of the WWB. This apartment complex, along with the adjacent homes on Ludington and nearby streets, have faced repeated flooding for



Spring Village Apartments along WWB

decades. The apartments will be demolished and the land used as a 6-acre greenspace and detention site to prevent further flooding in the Westbury area. The Houston Housing Authority will help with the relocation of tenants.

In the last year, the city has approved the land purchase for the Spellman Detention Basin near the Fondren Diversion Channel, as well as the \$3.4 million purchase of a former Shell Oil Company property to expand the Willow Waterhole detention basins. HCFCD bought property along the WWB at S. Willow and S. Post Oak for additional detention. The City also recently allocated more funds towards our much-anticipated Westbury Street and Storm Drain Reconstruction project. This is a 9 phase project that will take many years to complete, but each one will help. All of these projects will be beneficial in reducing the risk of flooding in Westbury.

The Westbury Civic Club thanks everyone who listened to our pleas for relief! Now our task is to make sure these projects move forward as quickly as possible.

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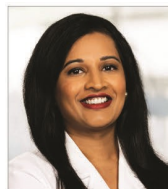
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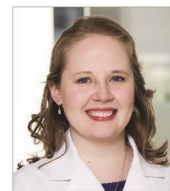


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# Halloween 2020 in Westbury

It may seem odd to have an article about Halloween in this December Crier, but our pandemic Halloween deserves to be recognized. Westbury neighbors devised creative ways to have a safe and fun Halloween during a pandemic. Many bagged their candy and set up tables outside. Some designed unique contactless delivery systems.



Families carved pumpkins together in their front yards. Some families hosted a movie night on their driveway. The weather was perfect and that big full blue moon rising over Westbury provided a nice Halloween feel to the evening.



Over 200 people came by a Parkwest 1 home to gawk at a new favorite method to pass out candy, a chute! The Basilisk snake crawled off a roof into the middle of a yard and delivered candy out of his mouth. It was fun for all ages!



# NOW OPEN

## Westbury Neighborhood Trail along Hummingbird Bayou

A Westbury neighborhood trail along the Hummingbird bayou has been cleared of obstructions and is now available and open to walkers. We reported several months ago about the work done by Trails Volunteer Allen Potvin to open this trail.



Westbury residents Nathan, Chase & Kyle enjoy the newly leveled trail

Fences have been relocated, trees and undergrowth have been cleared, and stump grinding has now taken place. This is an unimproved surface trail, but it provides a nice walk along the grassy bank of the Hummingbird bayou with runs all the way to the Willow Waterhole.



Before trail work this area was not easily or safely passable

You can now walk along the bayou from Braewick all the way to the Willow Waterhole along this trail. We thank Allen Potvin for his regular mowing of this trail and his advocacy getting the blockages opened. We thank the Boorse and Whitaker families for their cooperation. Thanks also to several sixth graders from St. Thomas More Parish School who volunteered several hours leveling the ramp.



Trail volunteer, Al Potvin, instructs the kids on what to do along the trail



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### Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

HPD has some tips to protect yourself, family and property this holiday season.

#### WHILE SHOPPING

- \*Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- \*Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- \*Watch purchases while eating in food courts
- \*Educate your children about what to do if they are lost.

#### IN PARKING LOTS

- \*Park in a high visibility area and check for lighting if you leave during the dark.
- \*Before shopping, lock all your valuables in the trunk prior to parking in the parking lot.
- \*Ask the Security Officer to escort you to your vehicle if you are uncomfortable.
- \*Walk briskly, confidently, and directly through the parking lot.
- \*Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
- Watch for people who may be following you

### Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

(data from [publichealthharriscountytexas.gov](http://publichealthharriscountytexas.gov))

	77035	77096	Houston
4/23/20	54	59	2,975
5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253
7/27/20	748	492	45,145
8/26/20	1,102	700	62,097
9/26/20	1,255	817	72,684
10/26/20	1,360	894	82,999
11/23/20	1,504	1,026	93,988

### See Something, Say Something!

An alert homeowner, who happens to be the WCC director of Security, Maria Cervantes, saw a man walking down the street and recognized him from an earlier security post about package thefts. She immediately called Pct 5 and reported a suspicious person. Officer Mendoza located him carrying a leaf blower. Our security director then located a nearby landscaping crew who checked and sure enough their leaf blower was missing. She then drove the landscaper and reunited him with his beloved and expensive leaf blower. The landscaper wanted to press charges and the DA's office took felony theft charges on the suspect due to his multiple prior convictions.

This happy ending is brought to you by Maria's observant nature, Pct 5's quick access to the suspect and the willingness of the complainant to press charges. Let's get a reputation for not being a good place to come for criminal activity!

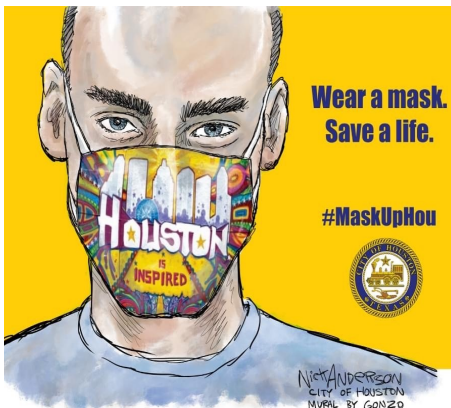
### CRIME NOTES

Residents have reported that a car speeding on Willowbend went out of control and up a driveway, thankfully not hitting a house. Willowbend has a 30 MPH speed limit, but many violators are driving at excessive speeds.

The Pct. 5 Constables have increased their traffic patrols in this area and have ticketed folks almost every day. They have even made several DWI arrests. Hopefully, people will learn not to speed through Westbury!

Sgt. Derkowski reports that Burglaries in Motor Vehicles (BMV) have been increasing in Westbury and in all neighborhoods surrounding us. Please don't leave anything in your car. Crooks are roaming our streets hoping to find stuff that is easy to steal.

There has also been an increase in package theft across the area. If you are expecting a package delivery, try to be home or have a trusted way for the package to be received.



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






# Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

September 27—October 26, 2020  
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

## KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
12300	Atwell	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/14	3PM	Westbury South
5900	Beaudry	Auto Theft	11/12	8PM	Parkwest 3
5800	Benning	Counterfeit/Forgery	11/15	12PM	Parkwest 2
10600	Braewick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/3	3PM	Westbury 5
11100	Burdine	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11/14	7PM	Westbury 3
5800	Cartagena	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11/17	4AM	Westbury 3
5800	Cartagena	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11/21	1AM	Westbury 3
6000	Cartagena	Simple Assault	11/23	10PM	Parkwest 3
5200	Creekbend	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/5	7AM	Westbury 2
5500	Creekbend	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/19	3AM	Westbury 2
5600	Duxbury	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/10	7AM	Westbury 4
5600	Duxbury	Simple Assault	11/15	9PM	Westbury 4
5800	Farwell	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/12	7AM	Westbury South
5700	Firenza	Simple Assault	11/13	10Pm	Westbury South
5800	Greencraig	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/10	2PM	Westbury South
11500	Hillcroft	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11/2	8PM	Parkwest 3
5700	Hummingbird	Auto Theft	11/9	11AM	Parkwest 2
5500	McKnight	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/13	9AM	Westbury 3
10900	Oasis	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/3	3PM	Westbury 2
11600	Rampart	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/1	1PM	Westbury 3
5200	Spellman	Simple Assault	11/9	11PM	Westbury 3
5400	Spellman	Aggravated Assault	10/27	6PM	Westbury 3
5700	W. Airport	Drugs, Narcotics	11/20	5PM	Westbury South
6000	Willowbend	Robbery	11/19	7PM	Westbury 5

	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Property Crime
	Burglary
	Assault, Simple or aggravated
	Robbery

The crimes listed took place between September 27 and October 26.

They are in alphabetical order by street.

The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	1	0	2	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	10	0	3	0
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	4	5	0	0
Robbery	1	3	3	0
Simple Assault	4	5	6	2
Shoplifting	0	0	11	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	3	1	1
Vandalism, Damage	0	13	2	1
Auto Theft	2	2	2	1
Fire, Arson	0	3	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	3	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	2	0	0
Counterfeit, Forgery	1	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>

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## Westbury Alumni in Space

Shannon Walker, the first Houston-raised astronaut and an alum of Parker Elementary, Meyerland Middle (Johnston), and Westbury High School, is currently on the International Space Station after a successful launch and arrival aboard the NASA SpaceX Crew-1.



She has had a video link with those three schools to talk to students. Shannon said, "I think it's very exciting that Parker, Johnston and Westbury have all come together because, as you know, those are the schools I attended in HISD before I went on to Rice University and then started working at NASA. I think it's great. We are really excited to talk to you today." Walker is the only female aboard NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 Mission. She has wanted to be an astronaut since the first man landed on the moon.

If you attended the Friends of Westbury High School Scholarship Gala several years ago, you would have had a chance to meet Shannon and speak to her. She was honored as an outstanding graduate from the Westbury High School Class of 1983.



## HISD Trustee IX Replacement Needed

### Wanda Adams Elected into New Position

Wanda Adams was first elected to the HISD Board in 2013. Before that she served as Houston City Councilmember for District D. She was currently serving her second term as District IX HISD Trustee.

Due to all the turmoil and uncertainty with the board, Wanda Adams ran for Harris County - Justice Of The Peace Precinct 7, Place 1 and won. After the election, she resigned from her position as Trustee of HISD District IX, which includes much of Westbury, specifically Westbury High School, Parker Elementary, and Anderson Elementary.

The WCC thanks Wanda Adams for her advocacy on behalf of our schools. After decades of broken promises from HISD, Wanda was able to deliver funds for a new Fine Arts wing and magnet program for WHS. A drive-by farewell party was held for Wanda at Worthing High School. As we go to press, no decision had been announced about a replacement for our HISD District IX trustee.



## WHS Toiletries Donation Drive a SUCCESS!

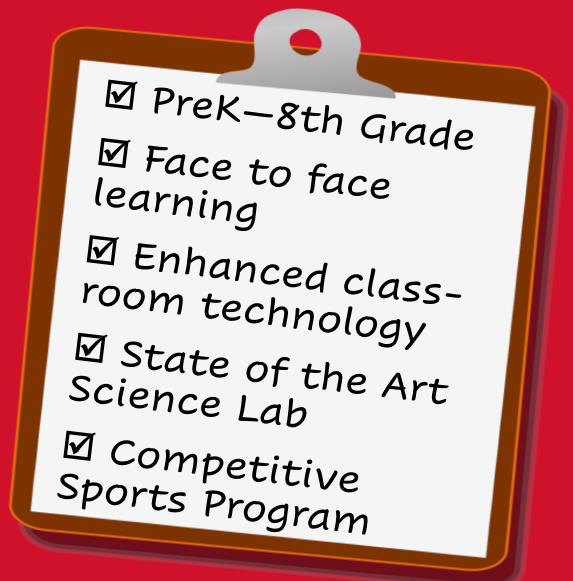
In last month's *Crier*, the WCC relayed a plea for help from WHS. The WCC set-up a donation box outside the office for a week and collected over two carloads full of donations! Thank you to the many generous Westbury residents who donated products.

- \* 1,816 pads (54 boxes)
- \* 1,344 tampons (25 boxes)
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- \* 96 toothpaste tubes
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## Best Houston Neighborhoods for Holiday Lights & Decorations

Looking for a good COVID family safe activity - drive around Westbury and other neighborhoods in Houston to see amazing holiday lights! Here are some top neighborhoods to see lights and decorations.

**Prestonwood Forest** - For over 40 years, this neighborhood has held "Nite of Lights" from 2nd weekend in December until end of year. Streets and houses compete for awards and best hemes. Thousands of visitors come very year to see these epic lights! They are truly amazing and one of the best neighborhoods to see decorations around Houston. Favorites include the Disney street and Frosty the Snowman. Exit Cypresswood off Hwy 249. Take right. Prestonwood Forest is first street/neighborhood to the right. Free.

**Shepherd Park Plaza** - Christmas displays since the 1960s. Residents here really get into the spirit, hosting Christmas-light arch-building parties and competing for awards including Best Lighting, Best Door, Best Window, Most Original, Best Overall, Most Religious, and Best Cul-de-sac. Runs the weekend after Thanksgiving through the first week of January. Shepherd Park Plaza, near Ella and 43rd St. Free.

**Pecan Grove** - This Fort Bend neighborhood near Richmond is known for its Christmas lights. Plantation Drive is the main thoroughfare through the community. Most any side street will have lights, but some are definitely decked out more than others. There is house after house of traditional beautiful displays.

**Green Tree Subdivision** - This is another neighborhood with a long history of beautiful light displays. Located in Pearland, each year the Tour De Lites features a leisure 6-8 mile bike ride (or hay ride) through Green Tee just to see the lights. Located off FM 518 and Country Club.

## Houston Holiday Happenings 2020

Normally we have a full calendar of holiday happenings in December, that is not the case this year with COVID, but many events have been modified or created new for safe family fun.

### Mayor's Virtual Tree Lighting— December 5, 6:30-8, ABC 13

Due to Covid-19, the 101st annual Mayor's Tree Lighting holiday event will be virtual. Relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday from the comfort of home. The virtual show will be on December 5, 6:30 – 8PM, Live streamed on ABC 13.

### Houston Zoo Lights Nov. 14 – Jan. 10, 2021, 5PM – 10:30PM

Book your time slot and purchase tickets online at houstonzoo.org. Tickets CANNOT be purchase at the gate. Leisurely stroll around the zoo while gazing at beautiful lights. Fun for the whole family.

### Moody Garden's Festival of Lights— Nov. 21, – Jan. 2, 2021, 6–10PM

Book your slot online and enjoy strolling through lighted trails at Galveston's Moody Gardens, they also have an outdoor art slide.

**Missing holiday parties?** Why not arrange a cookie exchange within your social bubble. Experienced cookie swap hosts generally cap their guest list at around eight people, but with COVID, you may want to keep it a bit smaller. Most cookie swaps ask that guests bring one dozen cookies for each person, but scaling down would be fine, too.

**Virtual cookie swap?** Invite friends (4-6) to bake their cookies and then box a dozen and deliver them the morning of the party to each participant. At the chosen party time, everyone gathers with their boxes to ooh and ahh over the cookies. Make it an ugly sweater contest or other theme. If you end up with too many cookies, deliver them to Fire Station 48 on Chimney Rock!

## NEW Holiday Yard of the Month

At a time when nothing seems "normal" anymore, holiday decorations can really boost the spirits. Westbury always has great holiday decorations and lights, and we hope this year will be extra special! We hope all residents can go out early to put their lights and decorations out in their yards. We have some exciting new contests and categories plus our long time favorite "top three" in each section and best streets.

## Yard of the Month Top 3 & Best Blocks

The yard of the month judges will be driving the neighborhood on Saturday, December 12, to pick the top three winners in each section along with the best blocks. If you would like to nominate your house or a neighbor's home, email Robert at robertsmontgomery@icloud.com.

## NEW Online Decoration Contest — 6 Categories

New this year is an online contest with 6 fun categories! . All entries must be submitted online via Facebook messenger or email westburyc@sbccglobal.net. Entries must be submitted electronically by Friday, December 11, 11:59pm. Online voting on Westbury Houston Facebook page will start December 14, 10AM and end December 18, 10AM. Winners will be announced by Friday, December 18, 6PM

### 2020 Theme Winner (Best of 2020)

This has been a rough year! What better way to celebrate the end than to encapsulate the highs and lows in decorations! The best 2020 themed home will win a fun pandemic basket along with sign! Let us know!

### The Shining (Most lights/Brightest)

Is your house lit? Do you have the brightest lights? Do you have the most lights in the neighborhood? Let us know.

### Overly Inflated (Most/Unique Inflatables)

Love inflatables? Is your entire yard covered in them? Do you have a super cool special inflatable? Send us your address.

### All Decked Out (over the top winner)

Do you love everything holidays? Is your yard over the top? Does your yard scream holiday season? Is your home the best decorated house in all of Westbury? Send us your address.

### Best Hannukah Decorations (Religious)

Do you have Hannukah yard art? Is your house glowing blue? Do you have the best Hannukah decorated house? Let us know your address!

### Best Christmas Decorations (Religious)

Do you have the best nativity scene? Are you celebrating Christ, not Santa? Do you have the best religious Christmas decorations?





## Matching Grant for Donations

**November 15 – December 15**

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) – YOUR neighborhood community garden – needs your help! The WCG is enrolled in the “Seed Money Matching Grant” program for community gardens that runs for 30 days, from November 15 to December 15. You must use the SeedMoney website for donations to count towards the matching grant. <https://donate.seedmoney.org/4560/westbury-community-garden>

### The Goal

Last year, the garden’s goal was modest – only \$500 – and they easily made that and earned a small matching grant. Most gardens set goals of \$200 to \$800. This year the WCG goal was \$2,500. The garden surpassed this goal and has already raised \$3,650 with over 30 donors. The garden has increased their goal to \$7,500.

If the garden makes their goal and stays in one of the top percentiles of all competing community gardens, they will earn generous matching funds from SeedMoney. Currently, the WCG is in the top 10 gardens out of 470 participating in the program. The WCG will receive all pledged donations, SeedMoney does not keep any part of the money raised.

### Next Big Project

Funds raised in this drive will be used towards the implementation of the WCG Master Plan. Engineering drawings and city permits are needed to kick off the project. In 2021, WCG will continue to raise funds for big ticket item—driveway and parking construction.



*Driveway needs major improvements*

*Westbury Community Garden thanks you for your tax-deductible support!*

## Cabbage Art Coming To WCG

Westbury loves public art! A giant cabbage is coming to the Westbury Community Garden. Made of polymer concrete, standing 7 feet tall, and weighing 4,000 lbs., this Bill Davenport art piece was looking for a permanent home in a local community garden. The WCG was chosen as its new home. The cabbage. The cabbage was created for the True North exhibit this past year. The cabbage move is set for the morning of Friday, December 11.



## WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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



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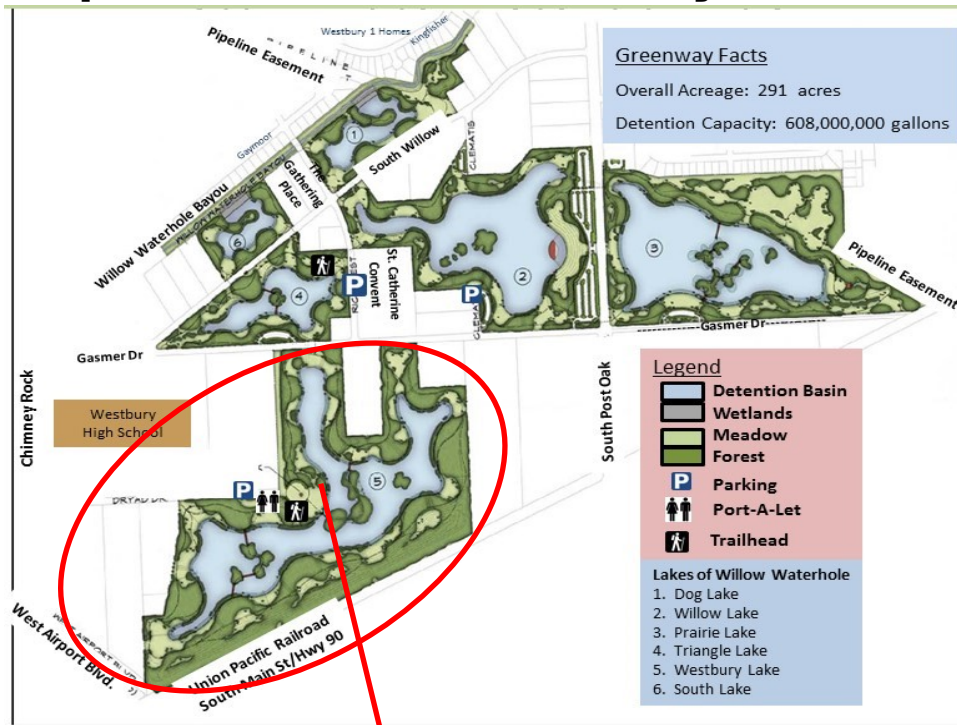
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# Explore the Willow Waterhole

## Map of Entire Willow Waterhole Greenway



Destination:  
**WESTBURY LAKE**

### A. Parking

Parking is available onsite off Dryad near the pavilion. There is handicap parking with ramp access to wide sidewalks. Head down Dryad towards Westbury Little League. Enter the park at the end of the paved road. Continue down the gravel road until you get to the parking area near the gazebo.

### B. Schwartz Gazebo

The focal point of the Willow Waterhole Greenway park, the gazebo area has the highest number of visitors of anywhere in the park. There is a scenic overlook, picnic tables in the surrounding trees, and a huge lawn area to run and play. Site of the popular Annual MusicFest and other community events.

### C. Westbury Lake Trail

This popular paved and crushed granite trail starts at the Schwartz gazebo and heads down to lake level, across two bridges and an island then back up and around to the Schwartz gazebo. It is perfect for families and dog-walking.

### D. Cross Country Trailhead

Near the Schwartz Gazebo, runners embark on a 2.5-mile trail around Westbury Lake. Five major high school cross country running events are held here in the Fall. The trail goes over two bridges, across an island, atop a berm paralleling Highway 90, and around the perimeter of Westbury Little League. The elevation change is over 150ft from lake level to top of the berm.

### E. Primitive Trails

The green lines on the map to the left are primitive trails. These trails are fun to walk or ride bikes along. These trails are part of the Cross Country trail.

### F. Future Fishing, Canoe Launch, and Environmental Pier

The planned site for a concrete pier going forty feet out into the water and allowing visitors to fish and launch canoes. It will also be used by Westbury High School science classes to conduct environmental sampling of the water and view aquatic life. A new ADA compliant trail will be built from the top of bank to water level to provide easy access to the pier.

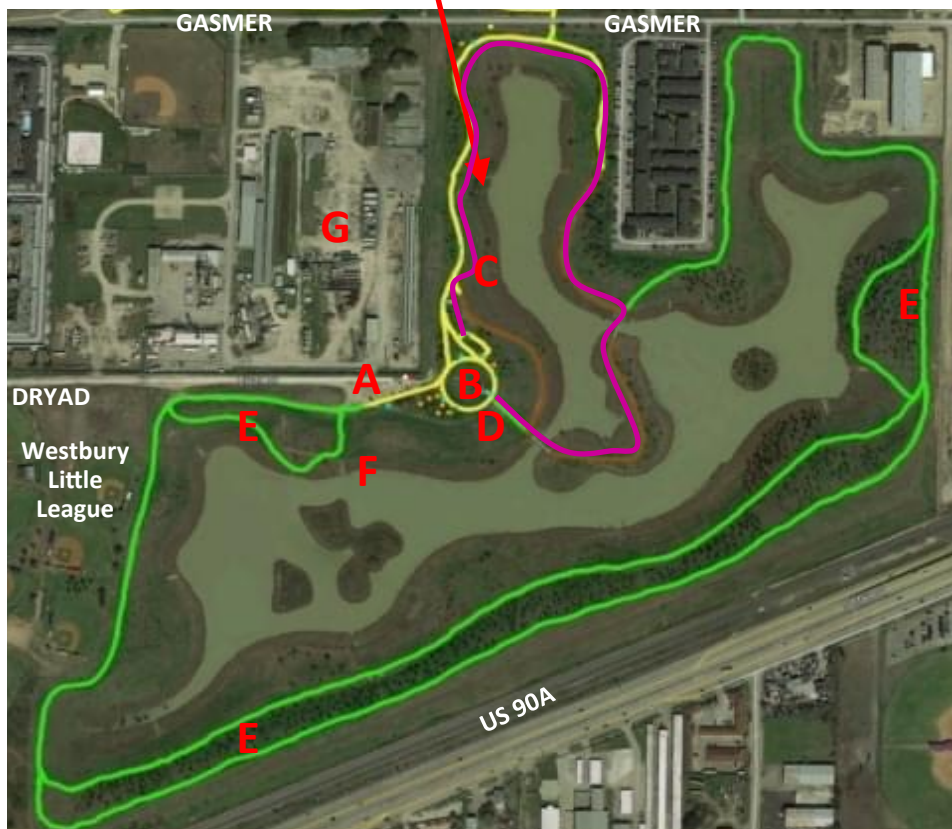
### G. Future Levitt Pavilion Site

The former 28-acre Shell E&P Technology Center was purchased by the City of Houston in October 2019. It is the future site of the Levitt Music Pavilion Houston and an additional detention basin. The 5000 seat Pavilion will provide professional and student performances, free to the public, for the cultural enrichment of Houston's diverse communities and visitors.

## Westbury Lake at the Willow Waterhole

The Willow Waterhole has 6 "lakes". The main lake is Westbury lake, which is the most visited lake of the park and is home to great events such as the Annual MusicFest. The map below is labeled with amenities and trails at Westbury Lake. Read all about these great amenities to the right.

*Go Explore the Willow Waterhole!!!*







Hard working volunteers from the Interfaith Environmental Stewardship Coalition, Westbury High School JROTC, the Conservancy, and local residents moved mountains of mulch near the Schwartz Gazebo. About 25 cubic yards were spread around trees.



Trafton Academy has been a great partner of the Willow Waterhole for many years. Under the leadership of Trudy Holmes, science teacher, and Jess Ferdinand, PTO president, they have consistently volunteered on conservation workdays. Students and parents at the monthly Trafton litter pick-up. Twenty bags were filled! Thank you so much!

## Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

### WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for our 1st workday at Westbury Lake on Sunday, December 13, from 2-4PM. The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) is adopting the Westbury Lake at the Willow Waterhole. The WAIC along with the Westbury Civic Club will be hosting monthly regular workdays at the Westbury Lake. The first workday will focus on litter pick-up. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers. You must wear gloves and a mask.

**What:** Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday—litter pick-up

**When:** Sunday, December 13, 2PM-4PM

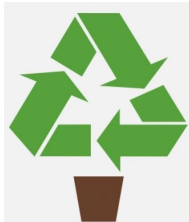
**Where:** Westbury Lake at Willow Waterhole—meet at the gazebo (see page 18 for map)



Cub Scout Pack 8, out of St. John's Presbyterian Church, had a great time picking up trash on November 8th at Willow Lake. There were about 5 families and they covered half the circumference of the lake, finding lots of trash on the banks.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The City Of Houston will pick up Christmas trees from the curb in January on Heavy Trash Tree Waste Day, January 14.



The trees must have all decorations, ornaments, tinsel, lights and stands removed. Flocked trees cannot be recycled. Christmas trees may also be dropped off at the Westpark facility as well as the Southwest depository.

## Holiday Do NOT Recycle List

Here are some of the holiday items that should NOT be placed in your recycle bins. Either they are not processed at our city recycle centers, or they wrap around the machinery and create processing problems.

- \*No Holiday lights
- \*No gift wrap paper, ribbons, trim, and bows
- \*No Yard inflatables
- \*No Clothing

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