



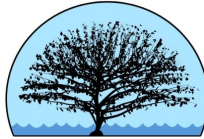
# Westbury Crier

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## Willow Waterhole Conservancy Receives \$2 Million from Kinder Foundation

During the 2021 MusicFEST, Mayor Sylvester Turner announced that the Kinder Foundation will be donating \$2 million to the Willow Waterhole Conservancy for park improvements, along with another \$2 million available in matching funds. This is very exciting news!



Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

The first \$2 million from the Kinder Foundation will go towards trail construction and amenities at Willow, Triangle, Scout, and Dog Lakes, as well as a neighborhood connection to Chimney Rock Road. This is especially exciting for Westbury as we would have easy access. If the matching funds are obtained, there could be more parking, a pier, amenities in the native prairie preserve area, and an outdoor classroom. See page 19 for map of new trails coming to the Willow Waterhole.

“Willow Waterhole is truly a diamond in the rough that is poised to transform the quality of life of Houstonians in the southwest area of the city,” said Nancy Kinder, president of Kinder Foundation. “We admire the grit and determination of the conservancy’s leaders and volunteers for what they already have accomplished. It is time for Willow Waterhole Greenway to assume its rightful place as one of Houston’s great green spaces.” For more information about the Kinder Foundation and this donation, see page 19.

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy has launched a \$10 million campaign to help make the Willow Waterhole a premier park in the City of Houston. Learn more about this on page 19.

## HOLIDAYS IN WESTBURY

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

**Saturday, December 18**

The Yard of the Month judges will drive the neighborhood on Saturday, December 18, 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, please email westburyholidaylights@gmail.com.

### Online Holiday Decoration Contest

**Submit Entries by December 17, 11:59PM**

**Facebook Voting— December 20—December 22**

Let’s get decorating! Join us in our 2nd Annual Online Holiday Decoration Contest with 7 fun categories! Nominate and vote for your favorite Westbury homes on the Westbury Houston Facebook page. All entries must be submitted electronically by December 17, 11:59PM via Facebook messenger or emailed to westburyholidaylights@gmail.com. Online voting on Westbury Houston Facebook page will start Monday, December 20, 10AM and end Wed., December 22, 10AM. Winners will be announced by Wed., December 22, 6PM.

### Westbury Award (Best in 2021)

**The Shining (Most Lights/Brightest)**

**Overly Inflated (Unique/Best Inflatables)**

**All Decked Out (Over the Top Winner)**

**Best Hannukah Decorations (Religious)**

**Best Christmas Decorations (Religious)**

**Interactive Wonderland (Music/Animation)**

*Deck the Halls Parade—Cancelled*

**HAPPY**

**HOLIDAYS**

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## PAY YOUR 2022 DUES TODAY!

Westbury relies on voluntary support of residents like you. The 2022 WCC dues is \$60 and the requested amount for the Constable program is \$305. The total is \$365, just a dollar a day!

Use this handy QR code to access our online payment page or send in the dues form on pg. 6.



## HEAVY TRASH

**December 2021**

Thurs., December 9

**JUNK WASTE**

**January 2022**

Thursday, January 13

**TREE WASTE ONLY**

## RECYCLING

**December 2021**

Thursday, December 2

Thursday, December 16

Thursday, December 30

**January 2022**

Thursday, January 13

Thursday, January 27

## Public Meeting

**Livable Center Workshop**  
**Brays Oaks**

**December 16, 5:30PM**

**Turquoise Center**

**9301 W. Bellfort**

**In-person Meeting**

**More information on page 9.**

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE

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

**Westbury Civic Club Office Hours**  
**Mon.-Thurs., 10AM-12PM**  
**WCC Office Closed Friday–Sunday**

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

## CONTACT US

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

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

## SECURITY

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

## CITY OF HOUSTON

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

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

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

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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

# 2021-2022 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Volunteer Coordinator.....**VACANT**

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Westbury 3.....Jeff Benavides  
Westbury 3.....Jonathan Hansen  
Westbury 4.....Eugene Sirls  
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Westbury 5.....Donna Strom  
**Westbury South.....VACANT**  
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**Parkwest 2.....VACANT**  
Parkwest 3 .....Alan Hirshman

**POSTED WCC BOARD VACANCIES CAN BE FILLED AT ANY REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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

'Tis the season to be thankful and appreciative of our many blessings for 2021. New vaccinations and improved treatments for COVID-19 have been developed over the past 12 months. As a result, this holiday season will see much more travel and family get-togethers than last year. I am thankful that my husband and I were able to travel this year to visit several elderly at-risk relatives whom we had not seen in person for far too long.

I am thankful to live in Westbury. We are a generous and engaged community, willing to volunteer time and funds to make our community a better place. I 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 that this is a time of year for celebrations. Last year, during the gloom of COVID-19, the WCC expanded our popular holiday Yard of the Month to include online voting categories. The new online holiday decoration categories were hugely popular last year so we are bringing it back this year. Keep an eye on our Westbury Houston Facebook page to discover where the best holiday decorations can be found in Westbury!

I am thankful for everyone who dropped by to visit or help at our many WCC events and activities this year. The WCC handed out donated water in the WCC office parking lot after the great Texas Freeze. The WCC sponsored multiple outdoor cleanup events at Willow Waterhole or Westbury Park to make our community look more attractive. The WCC hosted several I Love

Westbury events in the WCC parking lot that were focused on our Constable patrol program. Also, the WCC celebrated our annual Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) event in the WCC parking lot rather than our usual Westbury tradition of encouraging block parties. (NNO is a nationwide activity intended to encourage neighbors to meet each other and to bridge connections with law enforcement.) The WCC resumed hosting our traditional White Elephant Sale, our big community garage sale event, at the parking lot of Westbury United Methodist this fall.

All Westbury Civic Club community activities during 2021 were held outdoors and our board meetings were held online and broadcast live on Facebook. In January, we intend to start conducting our monthly WCC Board Meetings in person; we are thankful to Westbury Baptist Church for hosting us again for our monthly WCC board meetings.

I am thankful to the board of the Westbury Civic Club for their efforts making Westbury a better place to live. A big special thank you to Jennifer Edmondson, the sole paid employee of the Westbury Civic Club, for serving a huge neighborhood of 5,000 homes while also producing an award-winning monthly newsletter.

As we approach the end of the year, I encourage you to help spread joy and kindness. There are many worthy local non-profit organizations that could benefit from year-end donations. In this newsletter, you will read about opportu-

nities to support the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy and also the Westbury Community Garden. Both of these fine non-profit organizations seek funding to make improvements, see pg 9.

Looking to the future, I want to mention there will be an in-person meeting on December 16 at a Community Engagement Workshop at 5:30 PM for the Brays Oaks Management District Livable Centers Study (see page 9). Your comments via survey or in person will be helpful to sharpen visions for what our community might look like in the future.

Also looking to the future, a new fiscal year is starting in January for the WCC. The WCC has not had enough income so far this year, and we will have to dip into our savings accumulated over many years. Please consider making a year-end 2021 contribution toward the Constable Patrol. Also, it would be helpful to pay your 2022 dues early in the year. The Budget Committee recommended increasing the voluntary dues by 5 dollars for 2022, plus several other recommendations and has submitted a draft budget (see page 7).

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 Happy New Year!

-Cindy Chapman



### **WCC Board Notes - November 2021**

- ➔ The November Westbury Civic Club board meeting was held via Zoom and streamed live on Facebook.
- ➔ Guest Speaker HISD Trustee Sue Diegaard reviewed the past year – more stability in the district and board hired new Superintendent Millard House.
- ➔ Guest Speaker Bill Burhans provided details about a 2 million dollar donation from the Kinder Foundation to the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, plus matching funds up to \$2million. See pages 1 and 19.
- ➔ Budget Committee recommendations were reviewed, chaired by Treasurer Becky Edmondson. Draft budget is on page 7, and the final budget will be voted on in January. The board approved a motion to increase the recommended voluntary dues from \$360 to \$365, an increase of \$5, for next year. The board also approved a motion to create a committee to review WCC operations, to be chaired by Lindsey Pollock.
- ➔ The board approved a motion to not meet in December. The next WCC board meeting will be on January 19, 2022.

**NEXT**

**WCC Board  
Meeting**

**Wednesday  
January 19, 7PM**

**IN PERSON MEETING  
Westbury Baptist**

**Livestreamed on Westbury  
Houston Facebook page**

# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd  
713-726-7107 \* [platou@houston.tx.gov](mailto:platou@houston.tx.gov)



Temporary Supervisor—Julia Soto

Email—[Julia.Soto@houston.tx.gov](mailto:Julia.Soto@houston.tx.gov)

All City indoor facilities will be closed on December 24 and December 27.

## Platou Center is OPEN for Adult Classes

Adult Program Schedule  
Programs will run from 9:30AM—1PM, Monday—Friday

- Exercise—M/W/F, 9-10AM
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9AM –1PM
- Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM
- Ping Pong—Thursday, 9-10:30AM

Temperature checks and social distancing will be enforced. Face coverings are strongly encouraged. Frequent cleaning and sanitizing will be maintained. For the full City of Houston policy, please visit—[www.houston.tx.gov/adminpolicies](http://www.houston.tx.gov/adminpolicies)

## Playground, basketball, and tennis courts are OPEN.

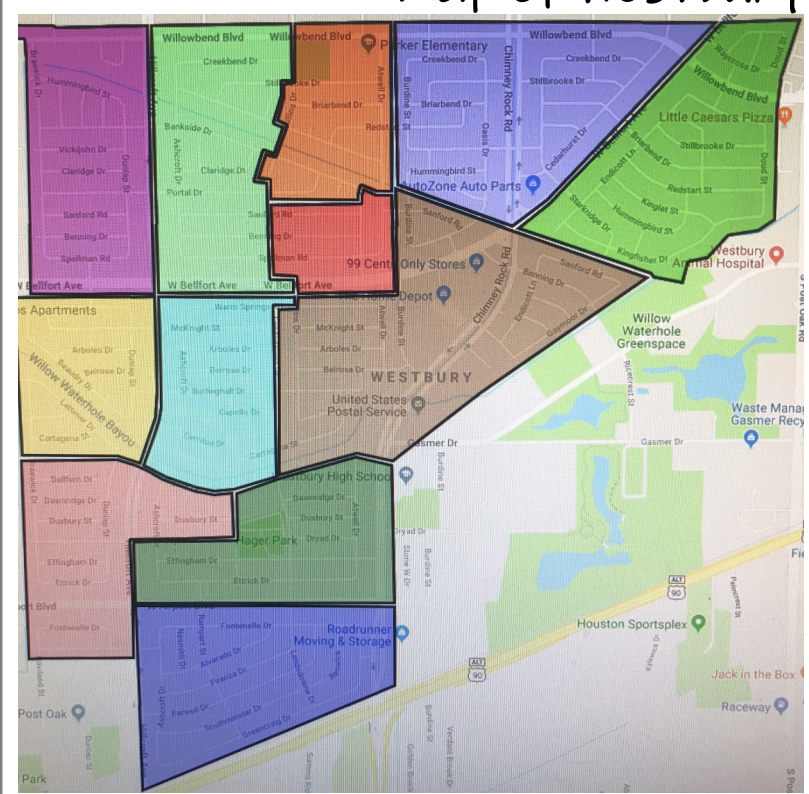
## The Library Has a Name! Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library

Our new library that is coming to Westbury officially has a name! The Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library will be located on Belrose at the site of the old post office. The new library will be a large, regional library for District K and Southwest Houston. Construction of the site is slated to begin in 2022 with completion in 2023.

The Westbury Civic Club started a Library Action Committee that has been meeting every 2 weeks for several months. The committee is made up of Westbury residents. One of the main concerns highlighted by the Committee is cut through traffic in the neighborhood to get to the new library. The library will have access from Belrose and Chimney Rock. The concern is the high amount of traffic down Atwell or other Westbury Section 3 streets to get to Belrose. Belrose is only accessible from other neighborhood streets, it does not connect to any major street. One possible solution the committee is suggesting is that that official address for the library be Chimney Rock, not Belrose. This will make it easier for Houston residents to find the new library, as Chimney Rock is a major throughfare. We are hopeful this will eliminate some neighborhood cut through traffic. Many people use mapping apps. These apps would direct people to enter from Chimney Rock, if that is the address, not Belrose, so most non-Westbury residents will be directed to that entrance when trying to find the new library.

The committee is trying to set a meeting with the City of Houston to discuss traffic concerns.

## 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

## December 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

Thurs 9	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—JUNK WASTE
Sat 11	HISD Run-Off Election See page 8
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting No December Meeting
Wed 15	Westbury Civic Club Meeting No December Meeting
Thurs 16	Livable Center Workshop PUBLIC MEETING 5:30PM Turquoise Center, 9301 W Bellfort See page 9 for more information
Fri 17	Online Holiday Decoration Contest Entry Deadline See page 1 for more information
Sat 18	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8-10AM 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey
Sat 18	Holiday Judging—Yard of the Month Get your decorations out NOW! See page 1 and 16 for more information
Dec 20-22	Voting Open for Online Holiday Decoration Contest See page 1 for more information
Dec 22-31	WCC Office Closed

## PLAN AHEAD

**January 4—HISD Classes Resume**  
**Feb. 28 - March 20—Houston Rodeo**  
**March 14-18—HISD Spring Break**  
**April 9— 2022 MusicFEST**

## 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 2021

### January 2022

Thursday, December 2

Thursday, January 13

Thursday, December 16

Thursday, January 27

Thursday, December 30

## Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash.

Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

### December 2021

### January 2022

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, December 9

Thursday, January 13

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

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



# 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 to the 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 **2022 Voluntary Dues is \$365**. That is well worth a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$305 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

## Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month

- IN PERSON MEETING—Westbury Baptist
- Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

## Next WCC Board Meeting WCC Board Meeting

### Wednesday, January 19, 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church

Topics - 2022 Budget, Committee updates, WOW events, and more.

## Read the Westbury Crier *ONLINE!*

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com) has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience. Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.

## Pay Your Dues Online [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 one the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$305
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$365
- Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

Once you get to the payment page, you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card.

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

You are mailing you 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)

Please send this form in with your payment

## 2022 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<b>Westbury Civic Club Dues</b>	<b>\$60</b>	\$	
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>	<b>\$305</b>	\$	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$365</b>	\$	
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>			
<b>Westbury Civic Club</b>		\$	
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>		\$	
<b>Total</b>		\$	

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 Make sure to include your address

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

**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 [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@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.

## 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 annually by the most recently published annual percentage chage for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

**The 2022 Mandatory Assessments of \$253.90. Due Date is February 1, 2022.**

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT [WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

# Westbury Civic Club 2022 Proposed Budget

## General Income

Associate Sponsorship	\$3,650
Mandatory Assessments	\$95,000
Voluntary WCC Dues	\$46,000
Westbury Area Patrol Voluntary (Restricted)	\$197,335
Community Garage Sale	\$2,000
Crier Advertising Fees	\$36,000
Refinancing Fees	\$6,000
Transfer Fees	\$35,000
Resale Certificates	\$1,000
Interest Income	\$500
<b>Total General Income</b>	<b>\$422,485</b>

## Program Expenses

Crier Printing & Expenses	\$46,560
Community Garage Sale Expense	\$2,000
Programs and Hospitality	\$1,000
Water, Plants, Supplies, and Equipment	\$5,000
Harris County Constable Fee (3 Deputies)	\$265,475
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$320,035</b>

## General Expenses

Books, Subscriptions, Dues	\$100
Postage, Mailing Service	\$3,500
Printing and Copying	\$2,500
Supplies	\$500
Training and Education	\$100
Bank and PayPal Fees	\$5,600
Computer and Software	\$9,000
Insurance	\$6,000
Payroll Expenses	\$50,000
Contact Services—Accounting/Legal	\$7,000
Facilities and Equipment (Rent, Utilities)	\$18,150
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$102,450</b>
<b>TOTAL: Program + General Expenses</b>	<b>\$422,485</b>

## 2022 Budget Discussion

In October, the WCC board created a Budget Committee, chaired by Treasurer Becky Edmondson, to review the current budget and make recommendations for next year's 2022 budget. The Budget Committee members were: Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Tony Robert, Jonathan Hansen, and Lindsey Pollock.

The committee made several recommendations during the November WCC board meeting to increase income or to adjust expenses. The committee and the board are very concerned that the 2021 year will have a deficit and will need to draw from past savings.

Recommendations to increase income: Bring back the associate sponsorship program to solicit contributions from the business community and other supporters of the WCC. Increase advertising rates in the monthly newsletter and add more advertising. Increase the recommended voluntary payments from the current \$360 to proposed \$365 annually. Send a postcard mailout with a payment QR code before end of the year for 2022. The board approved a motion to increase the voluntary payment rate from \$360 to \$365 as recommended, with a discussion that it is preferable to make a small increase each year rather than a larger increase every couple years.

Recommended adjustments to expenses include: Increase budget for Greenspace activities from \$2,000 to \$5,000 plus plan to use volunteers as much as possible; add more costs for printing for additional billing mailouts for contributions during 2022; and do 3 billing mailouts. Computer software costs are anticipated to be lower.

The Budget committee also recommended setting up a separate committee to review WCC Operations with the purpose of implementing continuous improvements. The WCC board approved a motion to create the committee, to be chaired by Lindsay Pollock. Office Manager Jennifer Edmondson will be a key member in the WCC Operations committee, and other committee members will be: Santiago Caraballo, Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson, Jonathan Hansen, Marcia Hartman, and Tony Robert.

The draft budget discussed during the November board meeting is to the left. The board will discuss the budget again during the January meeting and will vote at that time to approve the budget for 2022.

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# Runoff Election for Precinct 146 in Westbury

The majority of Westbury is in HISD Trustee District 9 represented by Myrna Guidry. However, part of Westbury is located in Precinct 146, which falls under HISD Trustee District 5. There is a run-off election scheduled for December 11. Early voting began November 29. The candidates are Sue Deigaard and Caroline Walter.

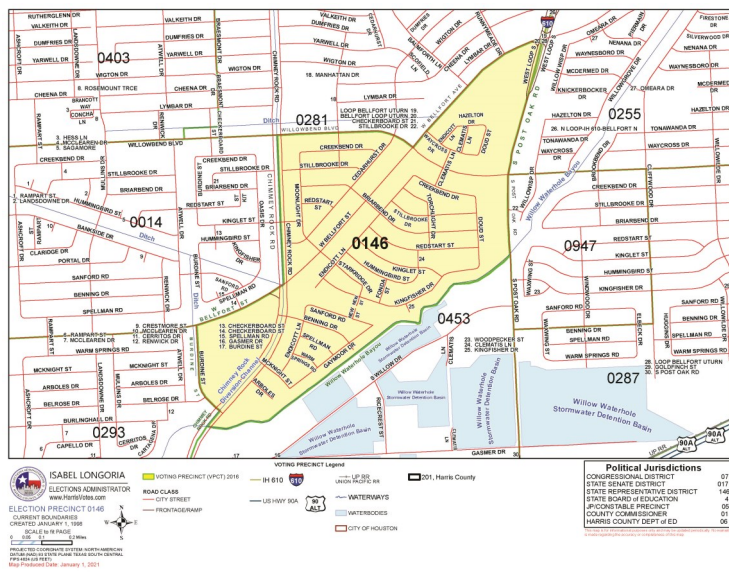
## Nearby Early Voting Locations:

HCC West — Loop Campus 5601 W Loop South  
Raindrop — Turkish House 9301 W Belfort Ave.

## Nearby Election Day Locations:

Platou Community Center — 11655 Chimney Rock  
Elrod Elementary School — 6230 Dumfries  
Herod Elementary School — 5627 Jason

See [Harrisvotes.org](http://Harrisvotes.org) for more information and all locations



# What's Your Passion? Invest in Westbury

It's that time of year when many people make year-end donations. Have you considered donating close to home in one of the many projects happening in and around Westbury? Whatever your passion, there are some great choices.

## Passionate about trails and greenspaces?

The Willow Waterhole, through the generosity of the Kinder Foundation, has a capital projects campaign where the foundation will match up to two million dollars in donations! [www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org)

## Passionate about music?

The Levitt Pavilion Houston kicked off their Founders Circle fundraiser last year with a goal to raise \$100,000. Become one of the founding donors of this incredible performance space coming in 2023 to the Willow Waterhole complex. [www.levittpavilliohouston.org](http://www.levittpavilliohouston.org)

## Passionate about gardening and education?

The Westbury Community Garden is working on funding their master plan. [www.westburycommunitygarden.org](http://www.westburycommunitygarden.org)

## Passionate about helping kids with their college education?

The Friends of Westbury High School offers scholarships to deserving seniors every year and hosts a gala in April. [www.friendswhs.org](http://www.friendswhs.org)

## Passionate about the Westbury neighborhood?

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## Dryad Paving Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On a beautiful October morning, members of the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD), the Willow Waterhole Conservancy, Levitt Pavilion Houston, Westbury Civic Club, and District K came together for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly paved Dryad road.

District K Council Member and Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Castex-Tatum had a replica check of the \$150,000 that District K spent for this long overdue project. The BOMD also contributed funds for this project. The new asphalt road and parking lot are greatly appreciated and a major improvement for visitors to Willow Waterhole.



## PUBLIC MEETING Livable Center Workshop

December, 16, 5:30PM

The public is invited to attend an in-person meeting to review and make comments about recommendations being presented to the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) for the BOMD "Livable Centers" study. Of key interest to those of us who live in Westbury, one focus area involves improving connections to and from the Willow Waterhole Greenway and to promote economic redevelopment of nearby commercial areas, including along South Post Oak and in the general area of Westbury Square.

**The public meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16, at 5:30PM at the Turquoise Center, 9301 W. Belfort.** The WCC encourages all Westbury residents to attend. Your opinion matters!

What is a Livable Centers Study? Livable Centers are places where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars. They encourage a complementary mix of land uses that are designed to be walkable, connected, and accessible by multiple modes of transportation, including bus, bike, foot, or vehicle (multi-modal). The study intends to re-imagine infrastructure, provide multiple transportation options, improve environmental quality, and promote economic development.



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# Keep Houston Beautiful

## Mayor's Proud Partner Awards 2021

For over 20 years, Keep Houston Beautiful has helped Keep Westbury Beautiful. Westbury has participated in the annual Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) day in April working in our parks and on our esplanades for many years. Each year KHB hosts an award luncheon for the Mayor's Proud Partner Awards.

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) won one of the seven Proud Partner Awards for the "Naturescapes" at the Willow Waterhole. Accepting the award on behalf of the WWGC was President Bill Burhans and the sculptor, James Phillips.

Over the years, Westbury has worked with KHB on different projects. In 2005, Westbury applied for and received a grant from KHB through Waste Management and hosted 3 workdays on Hillcroft planting over 100 trees, removing the invasive Chinese Tallow, fertilizing 400 trees, creating a rain garden and a demonstration mulch trail. In 2010, the Westbury Community Garden received a grant of \$10,000 from Scotts' Miracle Gro through KHB, which helped it spring to life. Five years ago, Westbury resident, Becky Edmondson, became a commissioner on the Houston Clean City Commission which operates as Keep Houston Beautiful. She has nominated several Westbury projects for Mayor's Proud Partner awards over the years, including this year's award participant, the Willow Waterhole.

The award ceremony was held at the beautiful Julia Idelson Library in downtown Houston. Westbury was well represented with a full table to celebrate. Representing the Westbury Civic Club Jennifer Edmondson; Westbury Area Improvement Corp VP David Roschke; the Westbury Community Garden VP Debbie Gordon; the WWGC President Bill Burhans, Brett Byers, Donna and Tony Robert; Levitt Pavilion Houston President Howard Sacks.



## Westbury MailBag

The Westbury Civic Club gets hundreds of emails and calls a month and many people have the same questions. This monthly feature will contain current hot topic and questions!



### When will the Westbury Post Office re-open?

Unfortunately, we do not have an update on the reopening date. Workers at the Chimney Rock Post Office were not confident with a date. Please contact Congressman Al Green's office to ask for their assistance in getting our post office open, (713) 383-9234.

### Why is a new fence being built between Anderson Elementary and Hager Park?

The land being fenced in belongs to HISD and is part of Anderson Elementary's property. Currently, Anderson students cannot utilize their property due to safety reasons. The installation of a fence means the students will be able to play more readily on that part of their campus. The playground is a SPARK park that is intended to be used by the school during the day and the community during non-school hours. Gates are being installed along the trail entrances to and from Hager Park next door to Anderson Elementary, to allow the trail and playgrounds to be used on weekends and after school hours.

If you have any questions you would like featured in the Crier, please email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net)



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## NEW SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

The City of Houston has a new Director of the Solid Waste Department, Mark Wilfalkas. He comes from Tampa, Florida where he was director and chief of operations of the Tampa Solid Waste Department. With nearly three decades of experience, Mayor Turner said "His background working with local governments in waste resource and environmental management will play a large role in our efforts to transform our Solid Waste Management Department to one that is more sustainable and environmentally sound."

Becky and Jennifer Edmondson had a chance to meet and speak with the new director at the Mayors Proud Partner Award luncheon, and he said he was looking forward to improving the timeliness of our services.

The Westbury Civic Club looks forward to working with him.



## Westbury Rally Nuns at Houston City Council

District K Councilmember (and Vice-Mayor Pro Tem) Martha Castex-Tatum invited our local nuns to deliver the invocation prayer at City Council on November 16. The nuns at the convent for the Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province live in the Westbury area on Gasmer, near Willow Waterhole. The nuns became popular across Houston as the "Rally Nuns" during the playoff season for the Houston Astros baseball team.



## Westbury Resident Keeping Westbury Park Clean

A big THANK YOU to Westbury resident Becky Hines for picking up litter at Westbury Park near Parker Elementary. Becky said it is good exercise plus she enjoys making the park look nicer. Thank you Becky!

If you would like a trash grabber, please come to the next WOW Workday or let the WCC office know; we would be glad to drop one off at your home. You can pick up trash along your street, nearby park, or esplanade.

### Help Keep Westbury Beautiful!



## New Flowerbeds at Parker Elementary

The Parker PTO, in November, started building a new pollinator bed and a big central flower bed for an outdoor reading nook on campus. Students greatly enjoyed planting vegetables in new raised beds.



## Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

The Houston Police Department 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 day.
- \*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.

## Request a Vacation Watch

Going on a vacation? Well, 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. A deputy will check out your property at least once a day to make sure it is secured and nothing suspicious is going on.

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

**Pct. 5 Constable Dispatch  
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281-463-6666**

## FAQs for Westbury Area Patrol Constables

### Who do you call when you discover a break in or property damage?

Sometimes there is confusion about when to call HPD and when to call the Precinct 5 Constables (Westbury Area Patrol). In case of emergency, always call 911.

For crimes or problems involving property, we suggest calling the **Precinct 5 Constables at 281.463.6666**, as there typically will be a better response time. The Precinct 5 Constables patrol in Westbury and also in the nearby neighborhoods of Maplewood South/North, Meyerland, Marilyn Estates, and Barkley Square. For example, if you discover your car, garage, or house has been broken into, then the Constables can do the report for you and they will also create a report number for HPD. This means that you only need to contact the Constables, not both HPD and the Constables. Additionally, the nearby neighborhoods to our north all have Precinct 5 patrol contracts, so crime information is shared among the local Constable contracts. Be sure to report crimes, even minor property crimes, as Precinct 5 Constables can allocate additional resources when hot spots pop up in the crime statistics.

### How do I contact the Constables?

Call the Precinct 5 Constables Dispatcher at **281.463.6666**. When you call dispatch, be sure they get the correct name and spelling of your street. Have them repeat it back to you. Many streets have similar sounding names. Be sure to tell them you are in the Westbury contract.



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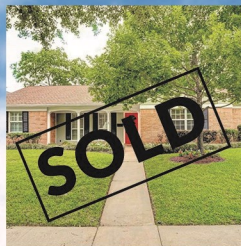
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# Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood


October 27—November 23, 2021  
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

## KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
10800	Atwell	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/28	11PM	Parkwest 2
5000	Briarbend	Auto Theft	11/18	6PM	Westbury 1
11100	Burdine	Simple Assault	11/2	10PM	Westbury 3
5700	Cartagena	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11/21	2PM	Westbury 3
6000	Cerritos	Simple Assault	11/1	8PM	Parkwest 3
11000	Endicott	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/4	2AM	Westbury 1
5800	Etrick	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11/2	4PM	Westbury 4
5900	Fontenelle	Vandalism, Destruction, Damage	11/12	11PM	Westbury 4
5200	Kinglet	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/18	6PM	Westbury 1
5400	Kinglet	Vandalism, Destruction, Damage	11/12	12AM	Westbury 2
5000	Redstart	Theft from Motor Vehicle	11/18	7PM	Westbury 1
6000	Sanford	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	11/9	9PM	Westbury 5
5200	Spellman	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/31	2PM	Westbury 3
5900	Warm Springs	Theft from Building	11/16	10AM	Parkwest 3
5900	W. Airport	Simple Assault	11/15	7AM	Westbury 4
5100	W. Belfort	Auto Theft	10/27	4PM	Westbury 1
5100	W. Belfort	Vandalism, Destruction, Damage	11/17	5PM	Westbury 1

 Theft from Motor Vehicle

 Auto Theft

 Theft—other

 Burglary

 Robbery

 Assault

 Property Damage

The crimes listed took place between October 27 and November 23. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

## Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/Public
Aggravated Assault	0	7	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	3	1	1
Burglary	3	5	1	0
Robbery	0	1	3	0
Simple Assault	3	12	5	0
Shoplifting	0	0	1	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	1	1	1
Vandalism, Damage	3	7	1	0
Auto Theft	2	9	1	0
Theft from Building	1	0	2	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	1	0	0	0
Theft—Other	0	3	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0
DUI	0	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>

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# Working on Westbury in November

The weather was fantastic for our final "Working on Westbury" (WOW) community cleanup event this year, held on Sunday, November 14. We thank everyone who volunteered for the November WOW event and everyone who volunteered for WOW events earlier this year! We will not hold an event in December.

We would like to make our Working on Westbury community improvement events bigger and better for 2022 and to add new work locations! Our esplanades are looking shabby and overgrown, so this is an additional work location that is already being considered for next year. It has been a while since we organized volunteer crews to tackle esplanade projects.

This year we did multiple cleanup events at Willow Waterhole - to remove litter along the main driveway entrance at Dryad, plus litter collection all around "Westbury Lake". We also organized a WOW event in April 2021 for a spring cleanup at Westbury Park for Keep Houston Beautiful / Keep Westbury Beautiful Day – we removed litter, trimmed trees and shrubs, removed weeds and planted new pollinator plants in the Butterfly Garden, and other activities.

We are publishing in advance what days/times we will hold WOW events in the first few months of 2022. We welcome you to join us at a WOW community improvement event next year. If you know of any student groups or other groups looking for volunteer projects, let them know we are looking for volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish!



**\*Sunday, January 23  
2:30-4PM**

**\*Saturday, February 19  
9-10:30AM**

**\*Sunday, March 27  
2:30-4PM**

**\*Saturday, April 2  
9-12PM**

*\*Look for more information in upcoming Westbury Criers.*



Thank you Westbury volunteers!

### Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

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

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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
12/20/20	1,779	1,240	110,445
1/26/21	2,238	1,659	150,091
2/23/21	2,613	1,943	170,667
3/29/21	2,752	2,069	182,440
4/25/21	2,837	2,126	189,585
5/19/21	2,863	2,152	192,238
6/28/21	2,842	2,153	192,674
7/28/21	2,920	2,216	197,088
8/24/21	3,409	2,675	233,287
9/28/21	3,927	3,139	271,395
10/25/21	4,053	3,252	281,913
11/22/21	4,124	3,332	287,932

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## WHS Student Winner of HISD Holiday Greeting Card Contest

Congratulations to talented Westbury High School student, Jocelyn Ajucum. Her artwork was selected as a winner in the 2021 HISD Superintendent Holiday Greeting Card contest. This year was the 30th anniversary of the popular HISD contest.

There were 19 finalists and three winners out of 93 submissions this year. The winners were chosen by HISD Superintendent Millard House II, and featured one each from elementary, middle, and high school levels. Madison Mitchell from Oak Forest was recognized as the elementary winner, Ria Andavarapu from T.H. Rogers for middle school, and Jocelyn Ajucum from Westbury for the high school level. Jocelyn previously won in 2018 as a seventh grader at Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School and now has won again as a sophomore! Jocelyn's 2021 winning card is called Happy Howl-idays!



Congratulations Jocelyn Ajucum!

## Best Houston Neighborhoods for Holiday Lights & Decorations

Driving around looking at great holiday lights is a longtime family tradition. Here are some of the top neighborhoods in the Houston area to see lights and decorations.

**Prestonwood Forest**— For over 40 years, this neighborhood has held “Nite of Lights” from the 2nd weekend in December until the end of the year. Streets and houses compete for awards and best homes. 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, Best Cul-de-sac and more. 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 streets have lights as well.

**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 Tree just to see the lights. Located off FM 518 and Country Club.

## Holidays in Westbury

The holidays are always a special time in Westbury. We have always had great holiday decorations and lights, and we hope this year will be another wonderful year! We hope all residents can put their lights and decorations out in their yards. Last year we started a new online holiday decoration contest, that was very popular, so we are bringing it back this year plus our long time favorite “top three” in each section and best blocks.

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

The yard of the month judges will be driving the neighborhood on Saturday, December 18, 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 [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

### Online Holiday Decoration Contest Seven Fun Categories

Back this year, is our online contest with 7 fun categories! The online winners will have special signs placed in their yards and receive a prize. All entries must be submitted online via Facebook messenger or email [westburyholidaylights@gmail.com](mailto:westburyholidaylights@gmail.com). Entries must be submitted electronically by Friday, December 17, 11:59PM. Online voting on Westbury Houston Facebook page will start Monday, December 20, 10AM and end Wednesday, December 22, 10AM. Winners will be announced by Wednesday, December 22, 6PM.

#### Westbury Award (Best in 2021)

Do you think your house is the best in Westbury? Are you ready to compete with the best of the best? Does your house have everything...lights, inflatables, themes, music, and more? Nominate your house today for this top award!

#### The Shining (Most Lights/Brightest)

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

#### Overly Inflated (Unique/Best Inflatables)

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

#### All Decked Out (Over the Top Winner)

Do you love everything holidays? Is your yard over the top? Does your yard scream holiday season? Let us know!

#### Best Hannukah Decorations (Religious)

Do you have Hannukah yard art? Is your house glowing in beautiful 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? If you have the great religious Christmas decorations, make sure to nominate your house!

#### Interactive Wonderland (Music/Animation)

**NEW category this year!** Do your lights move to music? Do you have special effects in your yard? We want to see and hear! Send us your videos to [westburyholidaylights@gmail.com](mailto:westburyholidaylights@gmail.com).

*Happy Holidays*



## Year-End Fundraising Campaign

Once again Westbury Community Garden will participate in the SeedMoney Challenge Grant from November 15 through December 15. SeedMoney helps non-profit food production organizations of all types raise money for operations or special projects. Participating gardens and farms come from all around the world.

All donations to WCG's SeedMoney campaign go directly to the community garden. The SeedMoney organization does not take an administration fee. Additionally, each donation to WCG through the SeedMoney website helps the garden raise matching funds. There is a "Strong Start Bonus" for participants who rank high in earnings the first week of the campaign and other incentives in each of the next three weeks. (WCG earned two bonuses last year!)

Simply go to <https://donate.seedmoney.org/5783/westbury-community-garden-accessibility-improvements> to read about our project and make your donation. This year the goal is \$4,000 and the funds will be used to increase the number of sitting/standing height garden plots for members with accessibility issues. WCG has only one such garden plot at this time.

## WCG Volunteer Hazel Potvin Honored by Urban Harvest

On November 13, the Westbury Community Garden hosted Urban Harvest's Annual Harvest Celebration. The luncheon and award ceremony celebrates all community gardens in the Urban Harvest network and awards gardeners from across the city for extraordinary community garden contributions. Three volunteers were recognized from across Houston.



Congratulations to Westbury resident Hazel Potvin, who was honored with the "Green Jeans Award", a volunteer award by Urban Harvest, which celebrates an outstanding volunteer or school garden activist. Hazel is a founding and continuing member of the Westbury Community Garden and has been an active volunteer with the Friends of Chimney Rock Park / Platou Community Center and with numerous park, scout, and school garden projects. Hazel is on the left in the photo.

*Congratulations Hazel!*



## 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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The 8th annual MusicFEST at the Willow Waterhole, held October 30, was a resounding success. The weather was perfect, the music was wonderful, the food trucks were delicious, and the crowds were enthusiastically engaged. There was joy in the air as thousands of people came together in celebration after months of COVID isolation.

This year's festival booths highlighted area nonprofits and businesses. The Westbury Civic Club shared a booth with Keep Houston Beautiful, passing out information about Recycling Right and Adopt A Drain. The Westbury Community Garden booth had a fascinating display about bees with a real hive. Levitt Pavilion Houston was spreading the word about their new site at the Willow Waterhole. Neighborhood to Trails Southwest was showing proposed trails. Harris County Flood Control was on hand to explain Project Brays developments. Houston Cares had dogs for adoption. The Westbury Animal Hospital was handing out doggie treats. And of course, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy was front and center with membership information and t-shirts.

Halloween gave a whole new dimension to this year's MusicFEST with a special art display and a costume contest for both humans and their four legged friends! Trunk or treat was great fun!

Of course, Music was the reason for the Fest! On hand this year making beautiful music were: The Recollection, TKOH!, David de la Garza Band, Kyle Turner, Pat Williams Group, Crocro Y su Tumbaka, and the Kesha Pratt Band.

Each year the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) gives awards and this year's recipients were: District K and Martha Castex-Tatum for their support of the Willow Waterhole; the Houston Parks and Recreation team, that keeps the park looking good; and Interfaith Environmental Coalition, that hosts regular cleanups at the Greenway.

You can't have an event for thousands without a lot of pre-planning and then boots on the ground. The Willow Waterhole Planning committee did a great job of pulling all the pieces together. Setting up and taking down had excellent help from Nat'l Honor Society chapters from both Westbury HS and Bellaire HS, the Westbury Baseball team and the Westbury Gents.

This year's October event was such a rousing success that next year the WWGC plans to host two MusicFESTs – one in the spring (tentatively April 9) and a second one in October.

Perhaps the biggest news from the event was when Mayor Turner announced the Kinder Foundation's lead gift of up to \$4 million to the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy to improve the 291-acre Willow Waterhole Greenway in the Westbury area of southwest Houston. See page 19 for all the details!



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## Kinder Foundation Gives 2 Million to the Willow Waterhole

The Kinder Foundation, a family foundation of Nancy and Rich Kinder, gave a \$2 million immediate gift with a promise to match an additional \$2 million in donations by others to the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. The Kinder Foundation's project priority is completing trails on all the lakes west of South Post Oak and north of Gasmer, a neighborhood trail connection to the Greenway from Chimney Rock/West Bellfort on utility easement, and the purchase of a 1-acre derelict property at Ricecrest/Gasmer. Read more about the neighborhood connection below.

The matching 2 million that is available could be used for an array of different amenities such as a pier, an outdoor classroom, security enhancements, additional parking, dog park, restrooms, and the development of the Native Prairie preserve and lake east of South Post Oak.

## The Neighborhood Connector

For those of us in Westbury who support trails, one of the exciting pieces is the "neighborhood connector" trail. A 10-foot paved trail will be placed on the pipeline/Harris County flood control easement that starts at West Bellfort and Chimney Rock and runs all the way to the Willow Waterhole Bayou. This will give easier access to the park for walkers and bike riders. The proposed dog park can also be accessed from this trail.

## \$10 Million Capital Campaign

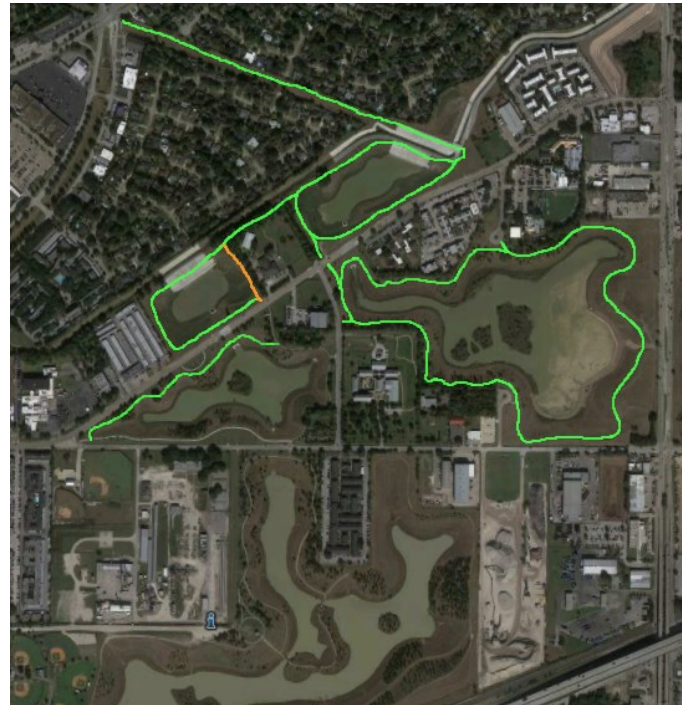
The WWGC has an ambitious \$10 Million Capital Campaign to make the Willow Waterhole amazing!

The 291 acre Willow Waterhole Greenspace is poised to become one of Houston's premiere park destinations! The ground breaking ceremony for this flood detention project was held in 2004 and construction continued through 2019! Reduce the Risk, Rediscover the Beauty was the tag line for Project Brays. While all of this flood control work was ongoing; the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy was busy envisioning the "Beauty" part of the equation. There have been over 60 Eagle Scout projects; hundreds of tree plantings; two master plans; hundreds of bird surveys listing 203 species; fish stocking, prairie preservation and more. But now it's time to move forward in a big way with all of the big dollar items. The \$2 million from the Kinder Foundation is the start of the campaign.

## Become a Part of Making the Willow Waterhole a Signature Park

The WWGC has set a community goal to raise \$100,000. With your help, the Willow Waterhole can become a signature park in Southwest Houston, much like Memorial and Hermann Park are to their neighborhoods.

To help, go to [www.willowwaterhole.org/support](http://www.willowwaterhole.org/support). In the donate section select Capital Projects from the dropdown box to qualify for the match. If you prefer to mail a check, send to the address below and indicate Kinder Capital Projects in the reference line. Thanks for your support! Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy P.O. Box 35676 Houston, TX 77235-5676



Map of trails to be completed with the Kinder Foundation money

## Harris County Precinct One Trail Improvements

Westbury Lake is the large lake adjacent to the Westbury Little League fields and accessed by Dryad. Through an Urban Grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife back in 2004 a trail was constructed around a portion of Westbury Lake. Now a new 3.5 mile trail around the whole Westbury Lake has been made possible by Harris County Precinct One.

"Parks and trails are essential for every community to improve peoples' health, build social connections and expand environmental safeguards. Precinct One is proud to help our partners improve amenities in southwest Houston by rebuilding and extending over 3.5 miles of trails around Westbury Lake in 2022," said Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Precinct One. Construction will begin in January or February of 2022.

## Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

**What:** Audubon Society Bird Survey

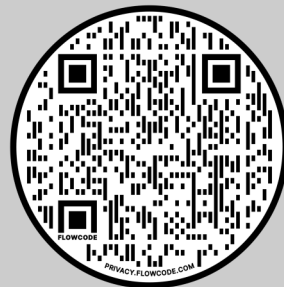
**When:** Saturday, December 18, 7-9AM

**Where:** Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, <https://houstonaudubon.org/>

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